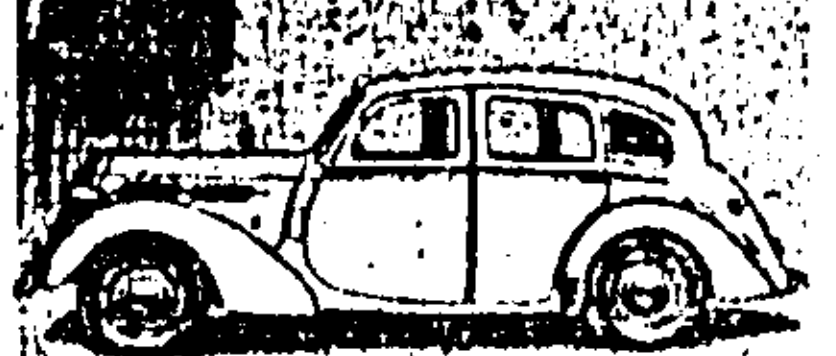


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SPAIN'S MAGINOT LINE FALLS TO INSURGENTS

Franco Claims Heavy Gains

HENDAYE, Dec. 29. INSURGENT HEAD-QUARTERS have claimed the complete capture of the Loyalists' "Little Maginot Line" along the Segre River near Balaguer, while General Franco's crack mercenary forces have smashed four lines of steel and concrete fortifications.

From Saragossa it is announced that Balaguer, the bridge-head of the Segre River, has collapsed, and also that the Loyalist system of sunken forts have been captured.

The Insurgents are said to be driving the Loyalists into the Mediterranean.

The Balaguer bridge-head fell after a surprise attack in the centre of the 90-mile Catalan front, where only sporadic action took place during the first six days of the offensive.

General Franco sought to straighten out his curving line of advance by driving eastward from Balaguer to Cervera.

Meanwhile Navarrese and Galician troops in the northern sector drove close to the vital communication centre at Artesa de Segre, and Spanish and Italian columns in the southern sector hammered at Borja Blanca.

General Franco appears to be planning to converge his three armies in the vicinity of Cervera, biting off a section of Catalan territory by flanking operations, after which massed forces will advance on Barcelona and the coast.—United Press.

RELENTLESS DRIVE

LONDON, Dec. 29. That General Franco's offensive, in which 500,000 men are engaged, is proceeding as relentlessly as ever after seven days, is proved by the vivid descriptions of fighting from "Reuter's" correspondents on both sides.

A Barcelona message says that planes and artillery transformed the hill-bound plains of Llanos del Urgel in the southern sector, and the (Continued on Page 4.)

BIG FOUR CONFERENCE? Berlin Interested in New Reports

BERLIN, Dec. 29. THE SUPPOSITION put forward in the British, French and American press concerning the possibility of a new conference of the four Munich Powers at the end of January, has naturally aroused much interest in Berlin political circles, especially in connection with the development of Franco-Italian relations.

Nothing, however, is known here interesting the two countries, but regarding such a plan, and absolute character will come up for consideration. Complementary quarters, nevertheless, give it to be understood that the result of the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax to Rome must be awaited before realization of the plan could be envisaged, all the more so, since it is certain that in the course of conversations between the British and Italian statesmen, not only questions directly



SIAM'S BOY KING, Ananda Mahidol, recently returned from Switzerland, where he has been at school in Lausanne, to pay a visit to his native land, from which he has been five years absent. He is now thirteen years old. He succeeded King Prajadhipok in 1935, a council of Regency ruling during his minority. He is shown being welcomed at Bangkok.

FAMOUS AUSTRIAN DEFENDS THE JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 29. THE AUSTRIAN MUSICIAN, Erich Kleiber, has sent a letter to the Scala Theatre, Milan, cancelling his engagements.

Poverty Rules At Nanking

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29. THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE in Nanking has issued a report on its investigations into the changing economic conditions in and around Nanking.

The report gives a somewhat discouraging picture of the situation, stating that this year's crops suffered considerably alike from floods and war, and are estimated to be greatly below average.

While the grain produced in the vicinity of Nanking suffices for the population in the area, shipments are causing anxiety alike among dealers and consumers. Transportation is said to be insecure and irregular, while levies, as well as lack of banking facilities made the situation worse.

The scarcity of money, combined with widespread unemployment, holds out little prospect of the recovery of formerly important Nanking industries. No less than 44 per cent (Continued on Page 4.)

120 IN BIG SPY ROUND-UP IN REICH

BERLIN, Dec. 29. MORE THAN 120 alleged plotters for the assassination of high Nazi officials will be tried early in the New Year in the biggest treason case since Herr Hitler came into power.

The plotters are reported to be led by Herr Franz Nirsisch, a former writer and an ultra-Rightist, and it is said that they drew lots to determine the assassins.

It is not disclosed whether the purported plot involved the assassination of Herr Hitler.

Nirsisch and 20 accomplices are imprisoned in Berlin's Moabit Prison. They will be tried secretly.

The authorities are convinced that the trials will result in at least 17 death sentences.

Several lawyers have already refused to accept the defence of the accused.—United Press.

'REALLY AMAZING' FORECAST

BERLIN, Dec. 29. "THE FEVERISH HASTE with which the fountain pens of some journalists move along the map of Europe is really amazing," declares the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," referring to an article by Mr. Vernon Bartlett in the "News-Chronicle" (which was cabled to Hongkong in summarised form).

According to Mr. Bartlett Germany, in the course of the coming year, will demand colonies from Holland and Belgium, which, in the view of the German Government, would present greater advantages for the Reich than the colonies formerly owned by Germany.

Refusal by the Netherlands and Belgian governments to comply with this demand, says Mr. Bartlett, would have as a consequence invasion of those countries by Germany.

The German newspaper observes that such arguments merely reflect the wish of their author to discover how the main problem in Western Europe have been clarified, and that Eastern Europe does not, perhaps, arouse any longer such great interest in Paris and London—now regions in which aggressive aims can be attributed to Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Launches Big Anti-Spy Drive

Washington, Dec. 29. The Treasury Department has announced that Mr. G. T. Helvering, the Commissioner for Internal Revenue, has ordered thousands of Treasury investigators in all departments, and various law-enforcement agencies to keep a sharp watch for espionage activities in accordance with President Roosevelt's recent request for a strengthening of America's anti-spy defences.—Reuter.

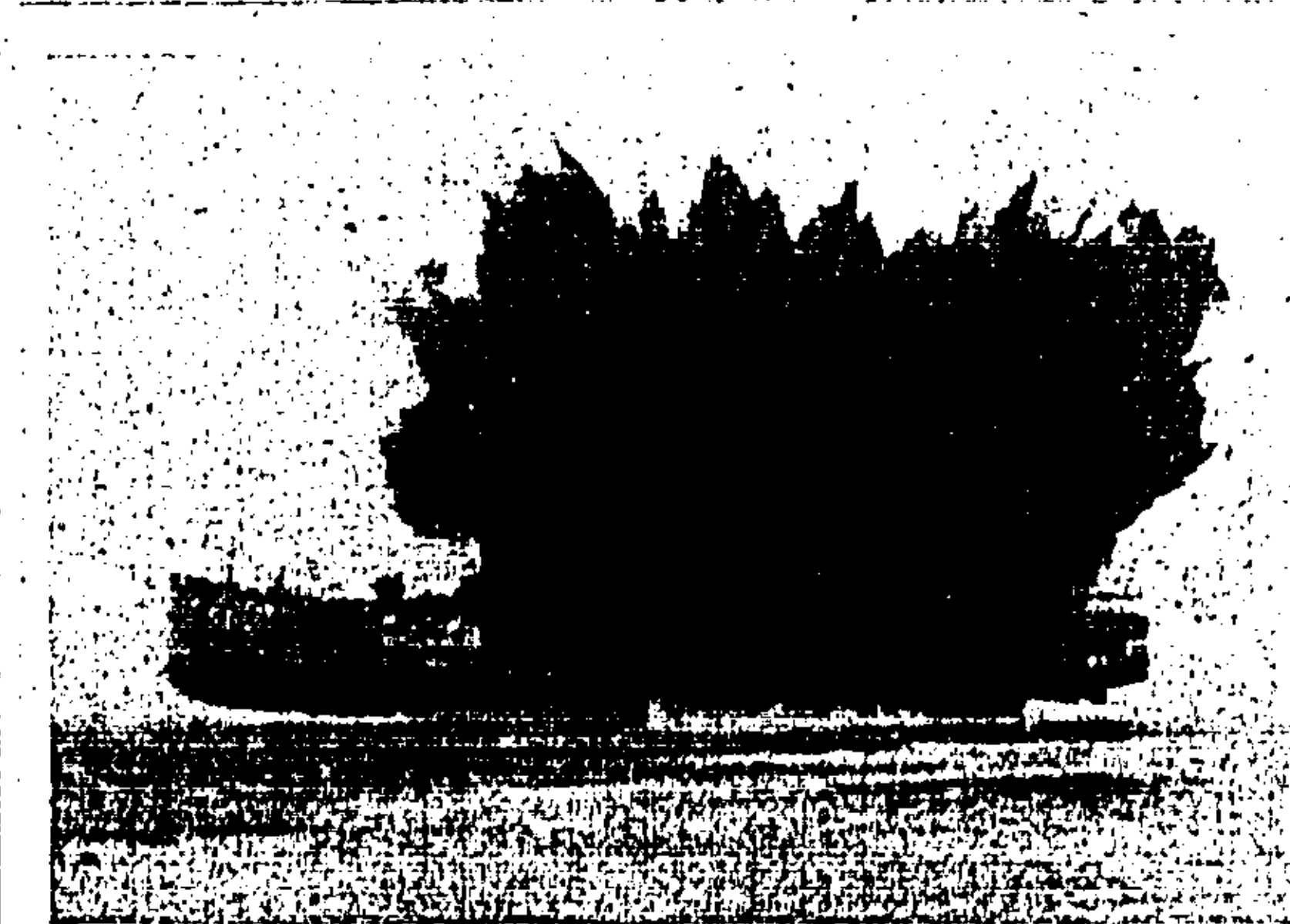


SONJA HENIE

\$3,000,000 Court Writ Against Film Star

CHICAGO, Dec. 29. SONJA HENIE, the former ice-skating champion of the world, and now a popular film star, has been named co-defendant in an action for \$3,000,000 damages.

The action has been brought on behalf of Fred Walton, ex-vaudeville artist, alleging that the Twentieth Century-Fox (Continued on Page 4.)



A SHIP LIFTED ABOVE WATER BY A BOMB EXPLOSION.—During their campaign in China the Japanese air forces have made a practice of systematically bombing Chinese vessels plying up and down the River Yangtze. The above photograph—which is one of the most amazing of its kind that has ever been secured—was taken just at the moment when a heavy bomb fell close alongside a small steamer, and shows how the tremendous force of the explosion lifted the vessel clean out of the water!

London Firm Fined For Selling Tokyo Goods

LONDON, Dec. 29. THE WELL-KNOWN Kensington stores of John Barkers, were fined £10 and twenty guineas costs in the West London police court to-day on a charge arising from the sale of a raincoat made in Japan, which did not bear the necessary marking.

The defence asserted that everything possible was done to comply with the Merchandise Marks Act. For ten years Barkers had purchased British raincoats, but owing to a shortage in October they accepted a supply of Japanese coats which were equally good. They were supplied without labels, and Barkers would be entitled to sell them in that state, but having applied their own label, they should have indicated their foreign origin. The magistrate declared that it was vitally important that legislation should be respected, not only for the protection of the public, but it was of great importance to traders who faced with the kind of competition they were up against from Japan and other countries.—Reuter.

FRANCE ADAMANT AGAINST ITALY'S AFRICA DEMANDS

LONDON, Dec. 29. THE IMMINENCE of Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome on January 11 is arousing interest in the attitude of the Powers concerned regarding Italy's demands on France.

M. Cambon, the French Charge d'Affaires paid his usual daily visit to the Foreign Office to-day, exchanging views with British officials, says "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

It is understood that he repeated France's contention that Italy's present demands are such that they must be solved by France herself.

PREMIER'S OPTIMISM FOR 1939

Trials Of 1938 Were Outweighed By Gains

LONDON, Dec. 29. MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN feels that if the past year has brought its trials, these are outweighed by the gains. He expresses this view in a New Year message to "Home and Empire," the official Conservative Party magazine.

In referring to re-armament, he says: "Our armed strength enables us to say in the councils of nations that in seeking friendship with all peoples, we shall meet in a spirit of reasonableness and fair dealing, but we will not make concessions to force."

Referring to the past year, Mr. Chamberlain says: "Rejecting the view that war is inevitable, and that our only task is to prepare for it, I have consistently sought to remove the possible causes of war, and by direct consultation and discussion, to secure a new and fuller measure of confidence and understanding between the nations. My hope and aim is that, by this means, the international problems of our time may be settled in a spirit of conciliation and co-operation.—Reuter.

Although restoration of friendly relations between France and Italy is of primary interest to Britain as a Mediterranean Power, there has never been any question of Mr. Chamberlain mediating between the two countries during his visit to Rome. British circles recognise France's determination to look after her own interests, and her attitude is approved, extremely close contact being maintained by the British and French governments.

Discussion of Franco-Italian relations is not precluded during Mr. Chamberlain's visit, however, since Britain's pact with Italy is directly concerned with any threatened disturbance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

WILL NOT MAKE CONCESSIONS

LONDON, Dec. 29. Well-informed diplomatic circles have predicted that France will not make the slightest concession to Italy, and it is pointed out that France, despite her superficial political differences, is as united on this issue as on any important international issue since the world war. Some observers said they appreciated that Mussolini is not bluffing. (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

Another British Steamer Bombed

LONDON, Dec. 29. Lloyds radio station at Gibraltar has intercepted an S.O.S. message from the British steamer, Marjunga, stating that the vessel had been the victim of a bombing attack west of Ibiza, and that the crew had taken to the boats. No further details are available.—Trans-Ocean.

See Back Page For Further Late News

'War Orphans' Complete Long Trek

CHUNGKING, Dec. 29. Five hundred "war orphans", who recently completed a long journey up-river from the war zones, and now housed in the Wan So Buddhist temple in the heart of Chungking, this afternoon celebrated a belated Christmas party under the direction of Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

While grey-clothed youths with red arm bands brought themselves smartly to attention, with wooden clubs representing rifles, and the youngsters stood and saluted, Madame Chiang walked swiftly through the portals of the centuries-old temple to the stage, where she was seated under a gaily decorated Christmas tree. She watched the children's present plays, and heard them sing, while General Theodor Lu, who supervised the film of "Good Earth" in Hollywood, told them of the birth of Christ.—United Press.

"MEAN-SOULED" MAN'S FIANCEE ON APPROVAL

—“Tortuous Mind” Says Judge

SCATHING remarks about a husband who, when engaged, induced his fiancée to sign a document of “courtship on probation,” were made in the Divorce Court recently by Mr. Justice Langton, granting a decree nisi to Mrs. Mabel Annie Margaret Davies, of Crown Street, Morriston, Swansea.

She sought divorce from her husband, David Ellis Davies, on the ground of cruelty, and alternatively asked for a decree of nullity, alleging that her husband had wilfully refused to consummate the marriage.

The husband denied this and counter-charged his wife with cruelty towards him.

He denied that he had refused to consummate the marriage and alleged that his wife had refused.

Mrs. Davies denied her husband's allegations.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies were married on March 31, 1934, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Chapel, Swansea, and lived together at Sketty, Swansea.

The case for Mrs. Davies was that her husband assaulted her while she lived with him and she left him in May, 1934. A separation agreement was entered into on September 18 of that year.

“DISGRACEFUL LETTERS”

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Langton rejected the husband's allegation that evidence given by impartial witnesses was a tissue of lies, and that he was a victim of conspiracy between neighbours.

Over a series of years Davies had written letters to his wife which were a disgrace to any man.

“They have no reason in them, and I am sure they have no truth in them,” said the judge. “They constitute, on his own evidence, a mere farrow of rubbish.”

“They are false all through, and the uncontrolled freedom and fury with which he flings charges about, without any evidence at all to substantiate them, against all and sundry, shows that he is a man mean, spiteful and to use his own favourite expression, ‘vindictive’ and very malicious.”

“I regard his conduct as beyond excuse. It is said he was labouring under strong emotion. That may be in some way palliation. The husband is a school teacher and a religious teacher, and with all these advantages he seems to me to have made a miserable show.”

“THIS IS TO CERTIFY—”

During the period of courtship Mr. Davies received, as he said, the following certificate from his fiancée: “This is to certify that my fiancée and I resume our courtship on probation as a disengaged couple from the beginning of April, 1932, and that my retention of the engagement ring is by no means an indication that I am engaged until I receive some other definite evidence from him to this effect.”

It was not surprising, said the judge, that Mrs. Davies had said that she did not write this of her own accord.

It was not easy to imagine that any man would have been so mean-souled as to ask the girl to whom he was engaged to sign such a document. “I am satisfied that he concocted this document so that he might have something in his favour in case he wanted to break off the engagement. I think that is an excellent indication of Mr. Davies's character.”

NOT GENUINE

Later, Mr. Davies, following just the same line, and after he had been separated from his wife, persuaded her to write a letter in which she expressed sorrow for what she had said and done.

Just what was in his tortuous mind at that time the judge did not pretend to know.

It was clear there was nothing genuine in his mind when he made a suggestion that he wished his wife to return and resume married life.

“It is again a manoeuvre—one of that class of really mean manoeuvres of which Mr. Davies seems to be a master. He hoped to manoeuvre her

29-Year-Old Bride For Knight Of 81

Notice has been given at a London register office of the forthcoming marriage of Sir Andrew Hilslop Pettigrew, 81-year-old widower, of St. Andrew's Club, Whitehall Court, S.W., and Miss Joan Cottam, aged 28, of Gloucester Place, N.W.

The wedding is to take place at the Marylebone Presbyterian Church, George Street, Brynston Square.

into a position in which he would be able to get some financial advantage.

“The correspondence shows that he is possessed of a most fantastic imagination,” the judge added. “He apparently goes about the world under the impression that people are plotting against him. He seems to have a totally exaggerated sense of his own importance.”

“SLANDER WITH IMPUNITY”

“He uses his pen to slander other people with considerable impunity. It is as well that he should be warned that this is a dangerous method of procedure.”

Mr. Justice Langton said he believed Mr. Davies had refused to consummate the marriage “because of some freakish imagination of his own. He did not believe his story that the wife had refused.”

Upon that issue alone Mrs. Davies was entitled to a decree of nullity.

As to the issue of cruelty, again her story rang true.

“I believed this man did kick his wife,” said the judge. “There was no condonation and she never went back to her husband after he was cruel to her.”

City Murder Charge Acquittal

BUDD'S COUNSEL RECEIVES £15 15s.

ONLY 15 guineas was received by Mr. St. John Hutchinson, eminent K.C., for defending Horace Budd, 29-year-old engineer, of Hacton Drive, Hornchurch (Essex), who was found not guilty of murder at the Old Bailey recently.

Mr. Justice Asquith, who said he would recommend that the jury should be exempted from further service for seven years, added that he thought publicity should be given to the fact that defending counsel and solicitors, who had worked so well and so hard for Budd, received only nominal fees under the Poor Persons Act.

Mr. R. Blandell, junior counsel for the defence, received only ten guineas for his work and the solicitors only ten guineas.

This involved not only four days' appearance at the trial but preparation and study of the evidence.

COUNSEL'S SKILL

Had Mr. St. John Hutchinson been briefed in the ordinary way his skill would have earned him a high fee.

Eminent counsel have received as much as 1,000 guineas for defending people charged with murder and other serious offences.

Budd, who was charged with the murder of his friend, Francis Cyril Newlands, a steward at Temple Chambers, E.C., was kept waiting two and a half hours before the jury reached a verdict.

After he had been told he was a free man he thanked the judge and the jury and left the dock to meet his mother and relatives outside the court.

HER TEARS

Crying, “Oh, my dear boy, my dear boy,” his mother burst into tears of relief as she saw him walking towards her. Both thanked police-officers of the court for the consideration shown to them during their long ordeal.

Budd said: “This is a just verdict.”

Oh! Mister Porter

A distraught mother told the stationmaster at Reading recently that the train in which she was travelling to London had moved off while she was in the refreshment room buying milk for her five-months-old baby, whom she had left in charge of another woman passenger.

Mr. J. C. Fenner, the stationmaster, immediately telephoned London to have the train met and the baby cared for.

With tears in her eyes, the mother, Mrs. Johnson, of Bridgewater, Somerset, waited at Reading until the arrival of the next train to London. When she reached Paddington she found her baby safe and happy in the arms of the waiting-room attendant.

WINKING WOMAN AWARDED £1,500

Complaining that she had acquired an embarrassing wink as the result of a motor-car accident, a Wembley school-mistress was awarded £1,500 damages in the King's Bench Division recently.

She is Miss Emily Mounsey, of Empire Court, Wembley Park. She sued Mr. Frank Chase, formerly a professional ice hockey player, who was driving her car at the time. Mr. W. A. R. Moody, Dalry Road, Stockwell, owner of the other car involved, and Mr. Frederick George Gaywood, Fenwick Road, East Dulwich, who was driving Mr. Moody's car.

Shortly after midnight on September 8, 1937, Mr. Chase was driving Miss Mounsey back to Wembley from Bromley when the cars collided in Peckham. Each driver blamed the other.

SCARS

Miss Mounsey, who was thrown through a window of her car, was badly cut and scars were still visible on her face and neck.

Sir Harold Gillies, the plastic surgeon, said that some of the scars could be removed at a cost of 100 guineas.

Miss Mounsey said that as a result of an injury to a nerve she often gave the impression that she was winking.

“It is very embarrassing at times,” she said. Before the accident she led an athletic life as a swimmer and diver.

The jury found negligence by Mr. Gaywood.

Judgment was entered for Miss Mounsey against Mr. Gaywood for £1,500 with costs.

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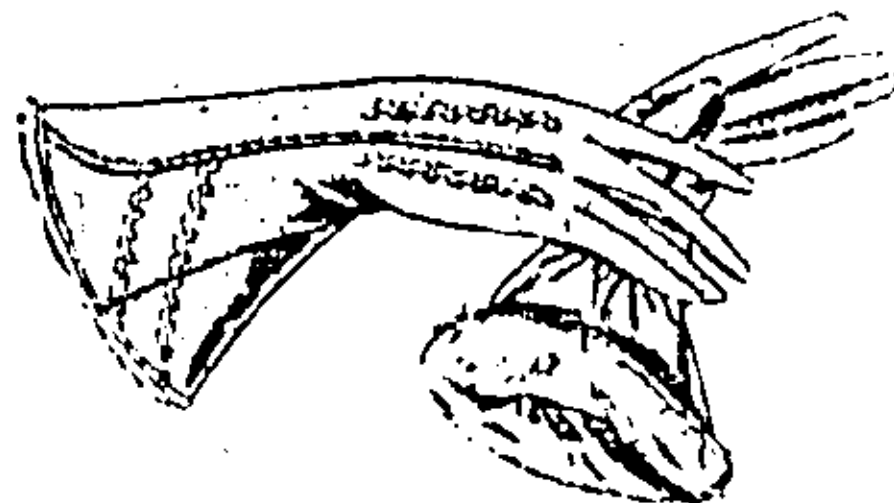
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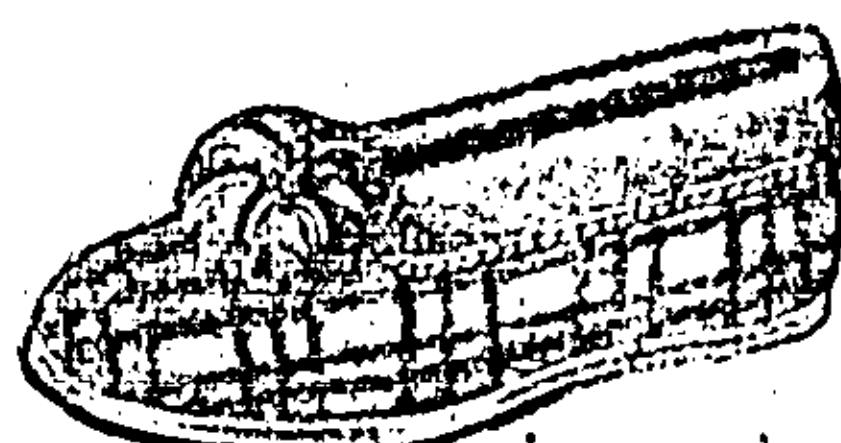
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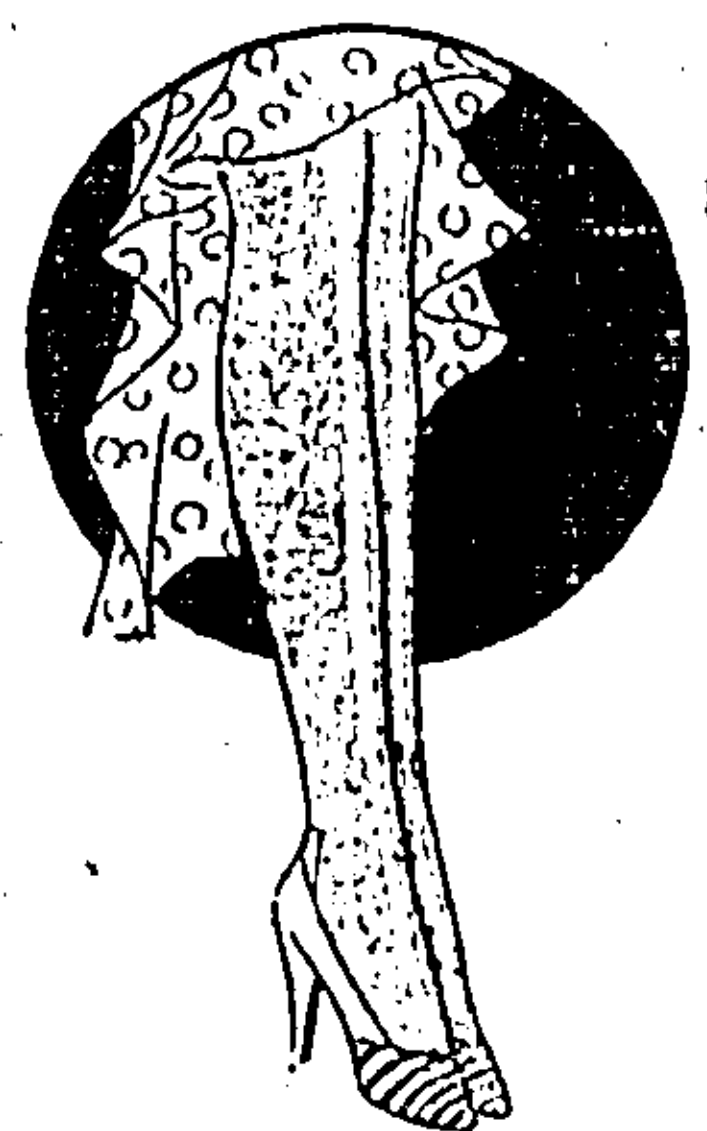
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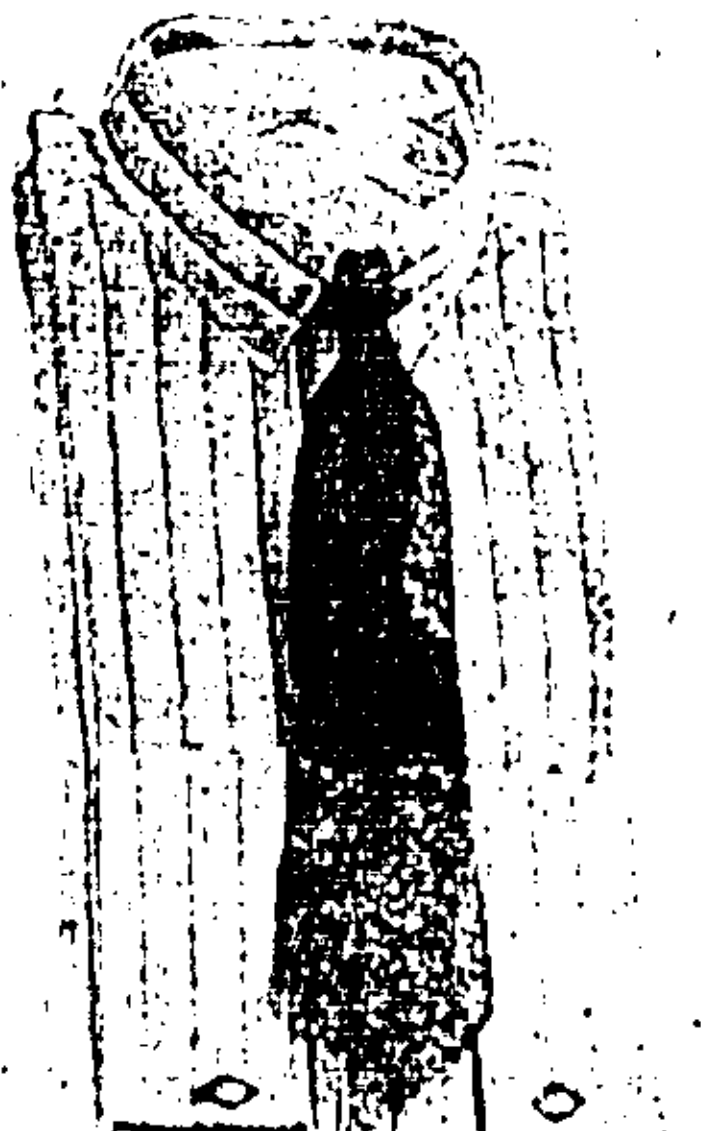
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WIFE SAYS BANK MANAGER TOLD REVEALED BETS TO HUSBAND

A DOCTOR'S wife who complained that a bank manager had told her husband that she had drawn cheques in favour of bookmakers sued Barclay's Bank, Ltd., for damages in the King's Bench Division recently.

She was Mrs. Mary Sunderland, wife of Dr. Arthur Sunderland, of Hyde Park-mansions, Marylebone, W.

Mr. F. Bence (for Mrs. Sunderland) said that on June 12, 1937, there was not enough in her account with Barclay's branch at Edgware-road, W., to pay a cheque for £2 15s. which Mrs. Sunderland drew, payable to a Miss Wilson. Without warning, the cheque was returned "refer to drawer."

ASKED FOR APOLOGY

When Mrs. Sunderland told her husband about it he drew a cheque for the amount and the matter was disposed of.

Mrs. Sunderland, feeling aggrieved, got in touch with the bank manager. Occasionally she had made bets, sometimes winning and sometimes losing. Dr. Sunderland knew that but did not know that the account was being used in a substantial way for payments to two bookmakers.

In a telephone conversation Mrs. Sunderland asked the bank manager for an apology about Miss Wilson's cheque. He refused.

Dr. Sunderland then spoke to the manager, who told him that most of the cheques drawn by Mrs. Sunderland on the account were going to a bookmaker. That was not true; only 10 out of 50 had been paid to bookmakers.

"DID NOT KNOW"

To defend his wife the doctor said he knew all about it, but, in fact, he did not, and there was considerable unhappiness for some time.

The bank maintained, in its defence, that the information was given with Mrs. Sunderland's consent and to protect her interests.

In evidence Mrs. Sunderland said her husband did not know she was betting and she was anxious that he should not have known. The cheque to Miss Wilson was for dressmaking.

She told her husband that she had had the cheque returned. Then she spoke to the bank manager, who said he could not write an apology but would write to the manager of Miss Wilson's bank so as to get her to present the cheque and have it honoured.

It was suggested that the case should be adjourned for the parties to try to come to terms. Later Mr. Wallington, K.C. (for the bank), said it was impossible.

"NEVER ADDED IT UP"

Mr. Wallington asked Mrs. Sunderland: Would it astonish you to learn that since 1935 there were 36 cheques to the two bookmakers for a total amount of over £150?—I have never added it up.

The hearing was adjourned.

SHOES TO PLEASE

Greenfield, O.
Ralph Head, shoe store clerk, is determined that his customers be satisfied. A customer tried on several pairs of shoes but said that the only ones he liked were those that Head was wearing. When the man went out of the store, he wore Head's shoes.



The two photographs above were taken at the recent Christmas play presented by the elder pupils of the Central British School.—King's Studio

Man's "Grimaces" at Duchess of Norfolk

POLICE are investigating a complaint that the Duchess of Norfolk was followed round the stalls by a young man who "made grimaces at her" when she opened a hospital fair at Hove Town Hall recently.

The man, who was well dressed, several times looked at the Duchess in a strange way, and was continually close behind her.

In order to avoid embarrassing the organisers of the fair the Duchess said nothing at the time, but mentioned the matter to the Duke when she returned to Arundel Castle.

The Duke communicated with the hospital authorities. "MISTAKEN FOR DETECTIVE" Stall-holders and others noticed the young man whom they took to be connected with the official party.

A helper at the fair said: "We thought the man was perhaps a private detective or something of the kind."

"I gather the Duchess did not say anything at the time because she thought the man was in some way connected with the fair or had been employed by the organisers. He was not known."

Just An Ordinary Crash But Then This Happened

After skidding in Edgware-road, Hendon, N.W., recently a motor-car struck on island in the road.

An iron pillar and a lamp standard were smashed, and on the broken-off stump the car became suspended with its wheels off the ground.

Petrol pouring from the burst tank caught fire and set light to gas escaping from the lamp standard.

The driver, stunned by the shock, was pulled from the car just before it burst into flames.

Men in a London Passenger Transport Board garage ran out with extinguishers, but failed to check the flames.

Wembley and Hendon fire brigades were called to put out the fire. The driver, Mr. J. Weiss, of Palace Court, Kensington, W., was taken to hospital suffering from bruises, cuts, and shock.

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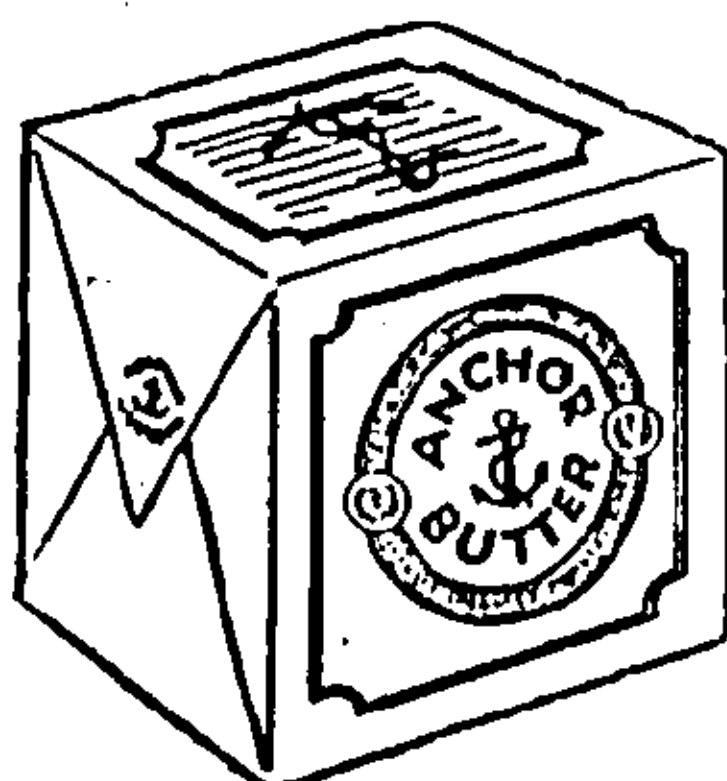
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was a steady market during the day and a fair volume of business was transacted. The lower priced stocks were again most in favour, with sales reported at slightly improving rates. A substantial gain was registered in H.K. Banks, shares changing hands at \$1,420/1,425, with sellers asking \$1,430. Appearances at the close indicate a continuance of the steadiness displayed during the day.

Buyers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,410
Douglas	\$20 1/2
H.K. & S. Wharves	\$110
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$10 1/4
H.K. Docks (New)	\$17 1/2
Provident (Old)	\$2 1/2
Provident (New)	\$3 1/2
H. & S. Hotels	\$6 1/2
H.K. Land	\$2 1/2
H.K. Realities	\$5
H.K. Tramways	\$17 1/2
China Light & Power	\$3 1/2
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H.K. Electric	\$5 1/2
Telephones (Old)	\$2 1/2
Cement	\$15 1/2
Watsons	\$7 1/2
Entertainment	\$4 1/2
Vibro Piling	\$2 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	8 1/2 p.m.
H.K. Govt. 5 1/2% Loan	par
Sellers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,430
China Underwriters	\$2 1/2
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$10 1/4
H.K. Docks (New)	\$17 1/2
Yau-mai Ferry	(Old) \$22 1/2
Sandakan Light	\$10 1/2
Dairy Farm	\$24 1/2
Lane, Crawford & Co.	\$8
Constructions	\$15 1/2

Sales	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,420/25
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$10 1/4/1/4
H.K. Docks (New)	\$17 1/2/1/4
Provident (Old)	\$2 1/2/1/4
Provident (New)	\$3 1/2/1/4
H. & S. Hotels	\$6 1/2/1/4
H.K. Land	\$2 1/2/1/4
H.K. Realities	\$5/1/4
H.K. Tramways	\$17 1/2/1/4
China Light & Power	\$3 1/2/1/4
H.K. Electric	\$5 1/2/1/4
Telephones (Old)	\$2 1/2/1/4
Cement	\$15 1/2/1/4
Watsons	\$7 1/2/1/4
Entertainment	\$4 1/2/1/4
Vibro Piling	\$2 1/2/1/4
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	8 1/2 p.m.
H.K. Govt. 5 1/2% Loan	par

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ARMS LICENCES

Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1939 (Fee \$10.00 per licence). Licencees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Holidays excepted), with their licences.

T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.
30th December, 1938.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, the 2nd January, 1939. (The First week-day in January).

Hongkong, 28th December, 1938.

R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) CLUB

The Committee wish it to be generally known that with effect from 1st January, 1939, the club is re-constituted. The committee extend a cordial and hearty invitation to all members R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) to visit and attend the club.

Particulars regarding membership and subscriptions may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary or from members of the Committee.

D. A. PETERS,
Hon. Secretary.
December 22, 1938.

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Cathedral Christmas Tree

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I should be grateful if through your columns I could thank all donors of gifts to the Christmas Tree.

Individual gifts of money have been acknowledged separately where we have known the donors. Gifts in kind and anonymous gifts of money are hereby acknowledged most gratefully.

The Societies receiving these gifts have expressed their great appreciation of the kindness both of children and adults who made it possible for so many poor people to receive Christmas gifts.

J. L. WILSON,
Dean.

MALAYAN TEAMS WIN FAR EAST SHOOT

Some 70 members turned up for the spoon shoot after the Christmas festivities and were favoured with a glorious afternoon but with a fairly strong wind at the longer ranges. E.R.A. Cunningham of 4th Submarine Flotilla had obviously done himself well during Christmas, or not as the case may be, scoring 101 which included two possibilities at 300 and 500 yards. P.O. Swan of Royal Naval Staff, leader of the Colony team, followed close behind with a 100. Major White who is doing so much towards the encouragement of shooting amongst the Royal Scots seems to have achieved his ambition by remaining constant in the 50. It is hoped, however, that his ambition lies towards the 100. Another newcomer from the Royal Scots, Major Syme put on 85 at his first attempt. In the S.R. (a) Class Private V. M. Hammond of H.K.V.D.C. recovered his previous form with a 92, a clear five points ahead of anyone else. The wind was obviously bothering the competitors with the open-sight scores being much lower than usual. The teams for the Overseas Postal Match, which will be fired this Saturday at 9 a.m. on Stonecutters Range, by kind permission of the Royal Naval Staff, are as follows:

S.R. (b).—P.O. J. C. Swan, Sgt. Heap, Marine Heather (R.N. Staff); Sgt. Perkins (H.K. Police); Sgt. Hale (Middlesex); Surg. Lt. J. B. Macleod (H.K.N.V.F.); Capt. Sequiera (H.K.V.D.C.) and Mr. T. J. Boulton (D.R.C.). S.R. (a).—Major D. C. Campbell (Army); P.O. H. Richards, Cpl. Cole (R.N. Staff); Pte. Hammond (H.K.V.D.C.); Pte. Sim, L/Cpl. Bullen, Sgt. Steer (Royal Scots); Mr. W. K. Gillman (D.R.C.).

Members are requested to be at the Queen's Pier at 8.15 where a launch will be ready to take them over.

The Far East Trophy Match was fired at Kowloon on Friday, December 23.

At the start the wind was only moderate, though requiring careful watching and the teams left the 500 yards firing point with a possible average of 94 for S.R. (b) and 96 for S.R. (a). At 600 yards the wind became much stronger and, what was worse, very erratic with disastrous results to the score. It was a bitter disappointment to everyone as during the practice and at the start everything pointed to a good score. Two individual performances, however, were that of Sgt. Heap who put on 98 in the S.R. (b) team and Mr. W. K. Gillman of the D.R.C. at 87 in the S.R. (a) team. The latter is a very fine performance under the conditions.

The results of the competition were:

S.R. (b) Team	
Federated Malay States	200 500 600 G.T.
A.C.P. Ridley	31 31 31 93
L/Cpl. Belgrave	31 31 31 93
Major D. H. Grist	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Hale	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Aba Bala	31 31 31 93
Sgt. M.L. Norris	31 31 31 93
L/Cpl. Hutton	31 31 31 93
Sgt. A. G. Koch	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Hopkins	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Smith	31 31 31 93
Pte. Bakendale	31 31 31 93
Pte. Watts	31 31 31 93
Total	767

Straits Settlements (Singapore)	
C.S.M. Witcombe	31 31 31 93
Major Munro	31 31 31 93
Capt. Hawkin	31 31 31 93
Capt. Buchanan	31 31 31 93
C.S.M. Conway	31 31 31 93
Lt. Haug	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Hopkins	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Smith	31 31 31 93
Pte. Dickardale	31 31 31 93
Lt. Best	31 31 31 93
Total	755

Ceylon	
Major Jayawardene	31 31 31 93
Lt. Mitchell	31 31 31 93
Lt. Ferra	31 31 31 93
Lt. Buckman	31 31 31 93
Lt. G. Koch	31 31 31 93
Sgt. A. G. Koch	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Hopkins	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Smith	31 31 31 93
Pte. Bakendale	31 31 31 93
Pte. Watts	31 31 31 93
Total	743

Hongkong	
Mrs. Heather	31 31 31 93
Mr. Boulton T.	31 31 31 93
Capt. Sequiera	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Croy	31 31 31 93
Insp. Hopkins	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Perkins	31 31 31 93
P.O. Swan	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Heap	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Hale	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Cooper	31 31 31 93
Total	719

The Federated Malay States are the winners of trophy for S.R. (b) Team for 1938 and silver replicas to members of the team.

*Denotes score not counted in the grand total.

S.R. (a)	
Straits Settlements (Singapore)	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Milton	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Rich	31 31 31 93
R.S.M. Hand	31 31 31 93
C.S.M. Jones	31 31 31 93
C.Q.M.S. Crosby	31 31 31 93
C.S.M. Gordon	31 31 31 93
Lt. Set. Rance	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Maloney	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Neam	31 31 31 93
Major Giblin	31 31 31 93
Total	700

Federated Malay States	
Lt. Bishop Singh	31 31 31 93
Lt. Mahomed	31 31 31 93
Lt. Mohomed Ali	31 31 31 93
Cpl. Neagar	31 31 31 93
Lt. Ooi Chong-tek	31 31 31 93
Lt. Mohomed Yusoff	31 31 31 93
Lt. Mohomed Lechi	31 31 31 93
C.J.M.I. Dinnie	31 31 31 93
Pte. Lucy	31 31 31 93
Total	679

Hongkong	
P.O. Richards	29 29 29 87
Cpl. Cole	29 29 29 87
Mrs. Crook	29 29 29 87
Cpl. Nunn	29 29 29 87
Mr. Gillman	29 29 29 87
Pte. Sim	29 29 29 87
Pte. Hammond	29 29 29 87
Cpl. Mahar Singh	29 29 29 87
P.C. Charan Singh	29 29 29 87
Total	641

Ceylon	
Sgt. Weston	29 29 29 87
R.S.M. Underhill	29 29 29 87
C.S.M. McLeod	29 29 29 87
R.S.M. Wadden	29 29 29 87
Sgt. White	29 29 29 87
Sgt. Ratcliffe	29 29 29 87
Insp. Brockhouse	29 29 29 87
Cpl. Slade	29 29 29 87
Mr. Sparks	29 29 29 87
Total	618

Straits Settlements (Singapore) are the winners of Silver Souvenir for S.R. (a) Team for 1938.

*Denotes score not counted in the grand total.

The following are the leading scores of the spoon shoot held on Wednesday:

S.R. (b)	
E.R.A. Cunningham	300 500 600 71
P.O. Swan	31 31 31 101
C/Sgt. Hale	31 31 31 93
Major White	31 31 31 93
Sgt. V. W. Cooper	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Heap	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Perkins	31 31 31 93
Mr. Boulton	31 31 31 93
E.R.A. Thorpe	31 31 31 93
Sgt. J. Le Seau	31 31 31 93
Mr. Langley	31 31 31 93
Mrs. Heather	31 31 31 93
P.O. Clark	31 31 31 93
C.S.M. Stanford	31 31 31 93
Total	627

S.R. (a).

Pte. V. M. Hammond	31 31 31 92
E.R.A. Sherlock	31 31 31 93
Pte. Sim	31 31 31 93
Mr. Gillman	31 31 31 93
P.O. Richards	31 31 31 93
P.O. McWilliam	31 31 31 93
Pte. Wootton	31 31 31 93
Cpl. Cole	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Steer	31 31 31 93
Sgt. Hale	31 31 31 93
Cpl. Nunn	31 31 31 93
E.R.A. Chick	31 31 31 93
A.D. Flood	31 31 31 93
Sgt. M. Adams	31 31 31 93
Winner of net spoon.	
Winner of handicap spoon.	

EWOW BOWLING LEAGUE

Scoreless Wonders Win In Final Of Contest

The Ewo indoor bowling league, A division, was brought to a conclusion last night at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys when the Scoreless Wonders beat the Black Dog in the final by 251. Results:

Scoreless Wonders, 1516	
Doc Molthau	153 172 131 456
Dick Venezia	203 131 146 480
Gene Faggiano	147 150 132 429
Ernie Heather	141 132 158 430
Black Dog, 1223	
R. H. Duddridge	179 158 143 480
Spr. J. Fawcett	140 131 143 414
A. A. Ronalds	135 141 117 393
S. A. Ismail	147 117 132

\$3,000,000 COURT WRIT AGAINST FILM STAR

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Film Corporation, and four subsidiary companies, pirated a film plot.

Walton declares that the film "Thin Ice," starring Sonja Henie, was taken from a story which, he claims, was written by him and rejected by a film-story agent two years before "Thin Ice" was produced.—Reuter.

REFUGEE EXPERTS TO VISIT BERLIN

London, Dec. 29.

Mr. George Rublee, the director of the Inter-Governmental Refugee Office in London, will, according to the "Evening News," shortly leave for Berlin, accompanied by experts of the refugee committee. It is understood that the plan for facilitation of Jewish emigration, submitted by Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, will be suitable as a basis for discussion.—Trans-Ocean.

BROKER EXPELLED

New York, Dec. 29.

The Stock Exchange authorities announce the expulsion of J. A. Sisto, a member of the Exchange since 1931, who has been found guilty of conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade.—Reuter.

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New York Cotton	
Jan. (1939)	8.30b/43a
Mar. (1939)	8.44/43
May (1939)	8.24/23
July (1939)	7.97/97
Oct. (1939)	7.95/95
Dec. (1939)	7.95/95
Spot	7.92/92
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New York Rubber

New York Rubber	
Mar. (1939)	16.50/52
May	16.37b/52
Sept.	16.30b/50a
Oct.	16.32b/58a

Sales for the day—1,730 tons.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago Wheat	
May	68 1/2/68 1/2
July	68 1/2/68 1/2
Sept.	68 1/2/68 1/2

Wednesday's Sales—11,537,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

Chicago Corn	
May	53 1/2/53 1/2
July	54 1/2/54 1/2
Sept.	54 1/2/54 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

Winnipeg Wheat	
Dec.	63 1/2/63 1/2
May	63 1/2/63 1/2
July	64/63 1/2

British Protest To Insurgents

London, Dec. 29.

The British Government has lodged a protest with the Franco Government against detainment of the Greek steamer, Atlas at Palma de Majorca.

Although the ship is not British, part of the cargo worth £10,000 is British-owned, and a large part of the cargo is insured in England.—Trans-Ocean.

INDEMNITY CLAIM

London, Dec. 29.

General Franco has expressed his views to the British Government concerning payment of indemnity for the loss inflicted on British shipping by Spanish insurgents, it is learned in authoritative circles.

General Franco's reply will be communicated to a committee of British ship-owners trading with Spain after examination by the Foreign Office.—Trans-Ocean.

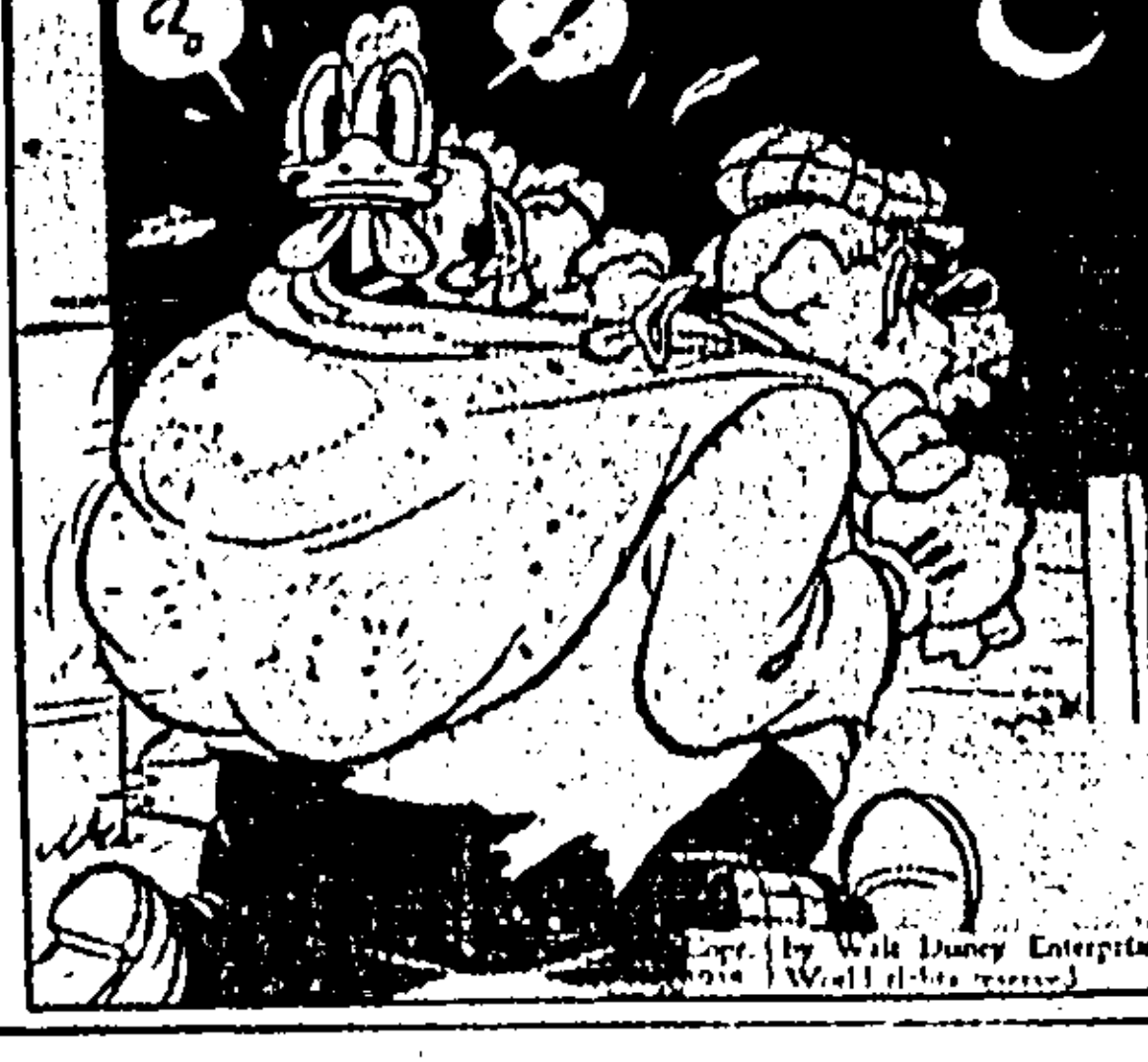
SPAIN'S MAGINOT LINE FALLS TO INSURGENTS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Pyrenean foothills in the northern sector into an inferno of shells and bombs.

General Franco aims at driving the Loyalists from a line at the Segre River where they have held their positions since April, and from the Llanos del Urgel plain. The drive towards Borjassabancs, which is an important munitions manufacturing centre from the Lower Segre, threatens to cut off the Loyalists' positions before Lerida. The capture of Borjassabancs itself would jeopardise the whole of the Loyalist positions along the Lower Ebro and posts between Tarragona and the Ebro delta.

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The Sword and the Pen

A GERMAN News Agency, with an office in Hongkong, broadcasts to the world that "great dissatisfaction is being felt among the inhabitants of Cyprus" at British rule because the latter "savours unpleasantly of dictatorship."

This is an example—a somewhat ironical one—of the type of propaganda disseminated from a country where dictatorship is the acme of "unpleasantness."

In the same message the German agency quotes Cyprian resentment at a "press gag," a particularly unfortunate reference in view of the well-known lack of freedom enjoyed by the German Press.

If German propaganda were limited to such examples of fatuous comment, or to home consumption by Germans, we could shrug our shoulders at the repeated calumnies disseminated by Berlin newspapers and through broadcasting stations of the Reich.

Propaganda, however, has become a real war—a war of words. And the pen is proving mightier than the sword.

German propaganda is aimed at other nations, at other peoples. Through powerful short-wave broadcasting stations, a German Voice fans the flames of hatred, criticises with calumnies, suggests by innuendo that the way to peace is by violence, that democracy offers the vices and not the virtues of civilisation, that the path to "freedom" is through totalitarianism.

Germany places so much faith in its insidious propaganda of the spoken and written word that it ranks its Minister of Propaganda third only to Hitler as its Most Important Personage.

Goebbels has served his Leader well. He has gone to the racketeers of America for his greatest discovery—the power of the whispered word. There is no defence against the sharp knife in the back provided by a "whispering campaign," unless one descends, too, to the methods of the racketeers.



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"Smog is fog created by smoke," says the National Smoke Abatement Society.

A Million a Day Goes up in Smoke

BY DOUGLAS JAY

BRITAIN has spent £700,000,000 on armaments in the last three years. Yet when the crisis came in September, London, by the admission of Ministers themselves, was practically defenceless against air attack.

This year we have been spending £1,000,000 a day on defence. Yet we are told that Britain is still too weak in the air to take any diplomatic action which might offend the dictators.

Why is it that we are not getting value for our money? Why is it, again, that the armament firms publish ever higher and higher profit figures while the Government tells us that costs and profits are being rigidly scrutinised?

Until the public is given a sincere answer to these questions, it will have very little confidence in any administration which may be installed in Downing Street.

The real responsibility for failure lies not merely in a weakness of personnel in high places, but in fundamental errors of economic policy which are preventing the efficient mobilisation of industry behind defence.

We are using to-day exactly the same rusty methods which had to be scrapped almost too late when the Ministry of Munitions was founded in 1915. We are making all the same mistakes, and bowing before the same vested interests. Essentially the problem is this.

In ordinary peace-time, when the security of the country is not threatened, the Defence Departments place orders with a small group of approved firms; and prices and costs are scrutinised by Government auditors and Treasury officials.

The firms are all working below capacity. Prices of materials are at low or normal levels. Deliveries are consequently punctual and profits are small.

Then comes a sudden international emergency in which the State suddenly requires a huge increased supply of certain materials at the earliest moment and without fail. In 1915 it was mainly shells.

To-day it is mainly aeroplanes, anti-aircraft guns, and anti-aircraft munitions.

If the Defence Departments simply respond to this situation, as traditionally they always do, merely by placing bigger and bigger contracts with the existing firms, these firms simply force up prices of materials by bidding against one another and against ordinary business buyers; profits all along the line become enormous; and deliveries fall hopelessly behind schedule.

All the time the Government auditors are working conscientiously to check costs; and the manufacturers mostly honestly be-

lieve that they are not "profiteering." They are after all merely selling at market prices. But in fact the ordinary system of uncontrolled prices and markets has entirely failed to meet the emergency.

The Government's defence needs may require, say, 80 per cent. of the supply of a certain essential armament metal. Yet if the individual arms firms bid for it against all other buyers in the market the price may be doubled or trebled.

Huge profits will then be made by the producer of that metal at the expense of the State.

Yet if the State had power to acquire the whole supply at a fixed price representing a fair profit, and to supply it to the arms firms at that price, huge savings in money, time, and efficiency would be made all along the line from the importer or producer to the final manufacturers.

That is the crux of the whole matter. It was this vital lesson, learnt in the last war, which led to thorough-going control of munition materials, foodstuffs, and shipping.

In the case of shipping, for instance, in the two years 1916 and

1918, before control of profits was introduced, a company with a capital of £180,000 earned a net profit of £250,037, or 92 per cent. a year.

The company could then have sold out at £700,000, realising a total profit of £850,037, or 225 per cent. per year!

This is what happens if the State tries to use the ordinary mechanism of uncontrolled supply and prices to get hold of emergency material at a critical period.

That is why Labour urges the establishment of a Ministry of Supply, which would undertake the organisation of supply for all the fighting services, and would have in the background the necessary powers to control prices and stocks.

The present problem is of course not of the same magnitude as that of 1915. But it is the same in principle.

The other two essentials that we require are the erection of Government factories, particularly in the aircraft industry, and much higher taxation (or direct limitation) of profits.

In 1915-18 the 213 Government munition factories eventually built were found essential both in expanding output and in establishing a real test of manufacturers' costs. Enormous reduction in costs followed from the building of these factories.

But now, as then, the various "ring" firms are fighting the plan for national factories.

With these three essentials: (1) Ministry of Supply; (2) Government factories; and (3) Higher taxation of profits—we could mobilise our huge resources effectively, get full value for money, and at the same time maintain and extend our expenditure on social services.

At present unemployment and excess profits are wasting Britain's potential resources. In 1914-1918 we diverted one half of the country's resources into war service; supplied several million men under arms with food, clothing and munitions; reserved the volume of our exports; and if anything raised the real standard of living of those left at home.

That is what organisation can do. In Nazi Germany in the last few years organisation on the same scale has produced the terrible military machine that enabled Hitler to show his hand at Munich.

If we ourselves still have the will to preserve our essential liberties, we can organise our resources in their defence; and we can do it by the elimination, not of our social services or our personal freedom, but of inefficiency, of profiteering and of waste.

To-day's Thought
WHEREFORE do ye spend money for that which is not bread?
—Old Testament.

Play-Boys Will Be Work-Boys Soon

Berlin. At present spending their mornings in bed and their nights in night clubs, will shortly be put to work by the Nazi State in factories, labour camps and farms.

A conference of Nazi police, labour exchange and welfare organisation officials is now meeting under Berlin's chief of police, Count Helldorf, to discuss methods of putting them to work.

Decrees giving officials the necessary powers will be issued shortly.

Under the decrees will fall, it is reported, Germans employed at part-time jobs and those who—according to the Nazi newspaper *Angriif*—"do nothing else except dig a little garden plot, although they are mentally and bodily fit."

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"—and I defy any capitalist in the crowd to defy me!"

REFUGEE COUNCIL

Progress Reported In All Districts

Progress of the welfare work undertaken by the Emergency Refugee Council in Hongkong and Kwangtung was reported at a meeting of the Council yesterday. Bishop R. O. Hall was in the chair, and others present included Mr. H. Vallo, President, Rev. T. Ryan, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, Lady Pollock, Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Rev. Lee Kau-yan, Miss Katie Woo, Dr. Eva Ho Tung, Miss Shih Tuk-hing, Mrs. R. Langley, J. M. Wong, Lau King-tung, Dr. C. Y. Wu, and Miss E. S. Adams.

Bishop Hall reported that three sub-committees had been formed from the Executive Committee. One was a Finance Committee, the second was a Hongkong Committee dealing with the Colony and the immediate border, and the third was a South China Committee dealing with people outside British territory and the means whereby the Council could help them.

The number of refugees in the various camps, said Bishop Hall, was approximately 900 at North Point, 200 at Ma Tau, 1,200 at King's Park, 2,700 at Kamlin, and 1,500 at Fanling. In February the Council would also be responsible for feeding the refugees in Kamlin camp. Food kitchens had also been established in Yumau, and approximately 1,000 persons were being fed there daily.

In co-operation with the Chinese guilds, the Council has also been responsible for feeding several thousands more refugees outside the camp, in the New Territories. Steps had been taken to re-open the refugee centre at Shum Chun, which had now been taken over by the Tung Wah Hospital and Associated Guilds.

"The Committee wishes to pay tribute to the work of the Wai Yung Guild for the past month," said Bishop Hall, "and to congratulate them on the successful establishment of a refugee centre on the Chinese half of Shataukok. The Committee have appointed an organiser of education for the Hongkong camps and are pressing forward the whole educational work in the camps. Industrial work has also been begun."

Financial Report

Reporting on the money voted for relief work since the last Council meeting, Bishop Hall said \$20,000 (National currency) had been sent to Dr. Wan Man at Shum Chun for food and nursing, \$1,000 (Hongkong) per month for six months to Rev. Wittenbach at Chungshan, \$10,000 (National currency) to Bishop Valloira for the Wai Yung district.

Much discussion then took place regarding the same spent in Canton and other occupied areas of China. Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke said she felt that more should be spent in the unoccupied areas rather than in the occupied areas, but Bishop Hall said that the Council had received a sum of \$200,000 from the Chinese Government and banks with a request that the money be used in assisting the people remaining in Canton, who were mainly of the poorer classes and had been unable to flee.

After various views had been expressed, a motion was moved that in the question of policy the Council agree that in the future more help be given to problems in China rather than in Japanese occupied territory, but that help may, in special cases, be given to refugees in the occupied territory, and that special measures be taken to investigate their areas and means to help them.

This motion was carried.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Cathedral Hall on January 26, at 6 p.m.

Fancy Dress Party

Gay Function in Aid Of Refugees

A delightful fancy dress party for children was held in the West Lounge of the European Young Men's Christian Association, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to destitute refugee children in the Colony.

The highlight of the afternoon was a version of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" presented by Miss Jean Greig (who made such a hit in "Ruddigore" as Mad Margaret), and the ship's company of H.M.S. Eagle. The children thoroughly enjoyed the selection of Mickey Mouse cartoons which were screened, the Lounge being turned into a temporary cinema for the occasion. There were a number of side-shows, including lucky dips, fish ponds and so on. The antics of the clowns added to the fun of the party.

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

Three weddings took place before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, at the Registry yesterday.

Mr. Erich Burmeister, merchant, married Miss Maria Stohler, secretary, who has been staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel. The witnesses were Messrs. K. Schaefer and Paul Dietrich.

Mr. Ng Chuck-man, student, married Miss Lee Sau-ying, of 11 Stafford Road, Kowloon Tong. The witnesses were Messrs. Ng Shu-hing and Lee Long-yan.

Mr. Albert Chan, merchant, married Miss Lucille Chung, who has been residing at the Kowloon Hotel. The witnesses were Messrs. Percy Larkson and G. Lay.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations Received By St. John Ambulance

The Director of Ambulance acknowledged receipt of the following donations and gifts:

The British Fund For the Relief of Distress in China	\$10,000
Mr. Cheng Wong Shu Chuen (Per Mr. Dick Lee)	100
(Both the above for relief work)	
Miss Ho Yee-lan and Miss Cheung Yuen-mei	\$457.74
The Victoria Preceptory No. 78	100.00
Mr. W. M. C. Woodfield (Shanghai)	50.00
Mr. Li To-ming (per Mr. Li Pak-wa, Fanling)	50.00
Tung Mun Villages (per Miss Bau Shun-chun)	31.60
Mr. D. Drummond	25.00
The Sincere Co., Ltd. (per Mr. Choy Hing)	25.00
Mr. Lye Tin-pui (per Mr. Li Pak-wa) Fanling	20.00
Lydia	10.00
The Sincere Co. (per Mr. Choy Hing)	10.00
The Sincere Life Assurance Co. per Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
Huang On Insurance Co., Ltd. per Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
The Wing Sang Co., per Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
The Sincere Co. (per Mr. Choy Hing)	10.00
The National Commercial Savings Bank per Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
Mr. Henry L. Ma (per Mr. Choy Hing)	5.00
Mrs. A. Whittaker (per S. C. H. Post)	3.00
Mrs. C. W. Fraser (per S. C. H. Post)	3.00
Dr. Lee Hotin, medicines	3.00
The H.K. Branch of the National Women's Relief Association, 60 suits under wear	
The H.K. Chinese Women's Club, babies' and mothers' clothing (27 pieces)	
Anonymous, medical supplies and wound powder	
Mrs. S. Wong, pyjamas	
Mrs. Shing of Shanghai (per Dr. Ma Luk) 2 1/2 doz. bottles quinine tablets	
Mrs. Kwan (per Dr. Ma Luk) bandages	
Mr. Chan, Cecil Hotel (per Dr. Ma Luk) 60 pairs of shoes	
Dr. C. Y. Wu, rubber shoes	
Mrs. Sit Ngok (per Madam Fung) 50 suits of pyjamas	

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Dec. 30; Imperial Airways 9 a.m. Jan. 3.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.; Eurasia and C.N.A.C. services indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam: Pan American Philippine Clipper 8.30 a.m. Jan. 2.

For France via Hanol: Air France, 6.30 a.m. December 31.

Inward

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 2 p.m. Dec. 30; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 1; Imperial Airways 9 p.m. Jan. 4.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

From U.S.A. via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American Philippine Clipper 12.30 p.m. Jan. 1.

From France, via Hanol: Air France 12.30 p.m. December Jan. 5.

DOCUMENTS LOST

Suspension Announced Of Japanese Officers

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The War Office announced to-night that Major-Gen. Ryoki Machijiri, Col. Yotsuwo Ubo, and Major Rookichi Chooji had been suspended from office in connection with the loss of important documents in the field.

Explaining the reason for the punishment, the communiqué says that the steps have been taken in view of the urgent necessity of maintaining in the strictest manner the military discipline in the Army.

The three officials have been ordered to be suspended to take the responsibility for the affair as the officials in charge. The incident occurred on October 7.

Major-Gen. Machijiri was formerly the Director of the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Office—Domei.

TIENTSIN TENSION

Foreign Soldiers Held By Japanese

Tientsin, Dec. 20.

Adding to the tense atmosphere precipitated by the emergency police measures of the Japanese forces against the borders of the foreign Concessions here, three British and American soldiers have been detained by the Japanese authorities in connection with alleged acts of violence against Japanese troops.

The Japanese authorities made representations to the foreign authorities concerned regarding the matter to-day, but no settlement of the incident was reached to-day—Domei.

ARMED HOLD-UP

Two Men and Woman to Be Tried at Sessions

Committal proceedings against two men and a woman on charges in connection with an armed highway robbery at Ding Dong Rock, Kowloon City, were brought before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday, and all three were committed to the Sessions.

Accused were Yuen Chun, 23, unemployed, Wong Kam-fu, 23, dentist, and Chan Chu, 30-year-old married woman. The first two were charged with having robbed Tam Man-lung and his wife, Chan Wan-fong, of \$55.30 in money and a quantity of valuables to the total of \$247.30. The woman was charged with receiving part of the stolen property, while the first prisoner was additionally charged with unlawful possession of a dagger.

Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey said that on December 12, complainant, his wife and two children went the Hau Wong Temple, Kowloon City, and after they had worshipped there, proceeded up the hillside to the Ding Dong Rock. As soon as they had gone underneath the rock, they were held-up and robbed by two Chinese, one of whom was armed with a revolver and the other with a dagger.

Following a report to the police, a description of the articles stolen was circulated to pawnshops. The next morning, the third accused went to the Kut Cheong shop in Ngau Chi Wan Road to pawn two rings which were identified as part of the stolen property. She was arrested, and took the police to an unnumbered hut in Lam Chau Chang village, not far from the scene of the crime, where first accused was found on a bed and underneath it were discovered a dagger and a toy pistol. Yuen was wearing some of the stolen articles, and later he admitted having taken part in the robbery.

On December 13, second accused was arrested on information in Wan-chai, and said he was compelled by Yuen to take part in the robbery. The woman, when charged, said she was given the articles by Yuen.

SHANGHAI VARSITY

No Return to America Yet, Say Japanese

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

A Japanese spokesman indicated to-day that the Japanese authorities would not return the Shanghai University to the American owners so long as hostilities lasted, as in the vicinity where it is situated, the campus grounds had been converted into a Japanese military zone which would be enlarged in the future for Japanese military facilities.

The spokesman indicated that the missionaries would be allowed to remove all equipment, but they would not be allowed to take over the grounds owing to the zone which was even closed to Japanese civilians.

The Japanese authorities have suggested that the Americans move the school elsewhere and have promised every co-operation—United Press.

Reuter adds that the refusal amounts to a flat rejection on one of the specific demands made by Japan in the American note. The spokesman added that owing to the strategic value of the locality, it might be impossible to return the University even after the hostilities ended.

BIG CHRISTMAS MAIL

Millions of Letters Sent During Last Week

London, Dec. 29.

The Post Office states that 75,500,000 letters were posted during Christmas week, while between December 18 and 23 the number of parcels posted daily amounted to 900,000. Despite the heavier mails and difficulties due to snow and cold weather, the Post Office was able to deliver all the letters on time.

Among the letters was a large number addressed to Santa Claus. These, as usual, were opened by sorters and presents sent to the most deserving cases from a fund which the sorters collected—Reuter Bulletin.

HEALTH BULLETIN

One case each of Cholera (from the New Territories), Small-pox and Meningitis, two cases of Diphtheria, and four cases of Puerperal Fever, were reported to the Health authorities on Wednesday. The local Cholera cases to date total 547. For the week ended last Saturday, the following notifiable diseases were reported:—12 cases of Small-pox with eight deaths (one imported), 11 cases of Diphtheria with two deaths, three cases of Typhoid, 11 cases of Measles with three deaths, four cases of Chicken-pox, eight cases of Meningitis with one death, 18 cases of Dysentery with seven deaths, five cases of Puerperal Fever. There were also 110 deaths from Tuberculosis.

Hawk Killed With Arrow

Oroville, Cal.

This city has a veritable William Tell on its police force. He is Carl Tabe who has brought down with bow and arrow a hawk at a distance of 45 yards and 20 yards in the air.

DISHONEST EMPLOYEE

Good Job Sacrificed Through Theft

Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed on Au Cheung, 32, butcher employed by the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company, when he admitted the theft of a pound of pork valued 60 cents, before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Gover, of the Dairy Farm Company, said defendant had only been employed for ten days, at \$15 a month. His board and lodging were free and he had no reason to steal. He was caught as he was leaving the back door of the butcher, the pork in his jacket pocket. The actual loss was \$18, because he had cut the pork from a larger piece valued at \$18, and which was no longer valued at that price.

Detective Sergeant Walls prosecuted.

Holds on Backyards

Sentence of three weeks' hard labour was imposed on Ku Hung, 28, unemployed, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, on two counts of theft of a tablecloth and a pair of cotton trousers from Nos. 1 and 2 Eastern Terrace, Bay View.

The articles were stolen from the backyards, and Ku was arrested on Wednesday in Causeway Road with the property in his possession. Crown-Sergeant H. A. McKay said Ku had three previous convictions. The defendant was also recommended for banishment.

Took a Chicken

Alleged to have stolen a chicken from outside No. 25 Cross Street, Wanchai, on Wednesday, So Nan, 37, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Forrest, and denied the theft, saying the chicken flew up to him from the ground.

Wong Tai, a girl, said she saw So take the chicken out of its crate and hide it underneath his long coat.

So was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour. Lance-Sergeant T. Cashman prosecuted.

Banisher Steals

Charged with the theft of two wooden shutters from No. 144 Belcher Street, West Point, on Tuesday, and with returning from 10 years' banishment, Ho Fung, 39, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Forrest and was sentenced to two months' and three months' hard labour on the respective charges. He had been sent away on December 9.

MISSING MAN BACK

Palestine Bank Manager Returns Home

Jerusalem, Dec. 29.

Louis Lebouvier, British bank manager, who has been missing since December 27 and was thought to have been kidnapped, returned to Jericho to-day.

No details are available regarding his release, but he telephoned his Jerusalem office stating that he was in Jericho among the military units and unharmed—Reuter Bulletin.

Arab Sentenced

Jerusalem, Dec. 29. An Arab from Beirut was sentenced to death by the Haifa military court for being in possession of a revolver and ammunition.

Arab irregulars raided Lydda railway station, gagged the officials and robbed the train. They escaped and remained unidentified. A Jew was found seriously wounded by shots near Banco di Roma in Jerusalem—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE GAOLED

Dangerous Explosive In a Tin

Found in possession of a tin containing five pounds of a mixture of sulphur and potassium chlorate, stated to be a dangerous explosive, at Victoria Road on Tuesday, a stone-breaker, Li Sze, 37, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Police Constable McDermott said that when he stopped Li, the man admitted that he was only carrying a bucket of water.

The powder was found to be an explosive liable to go off on impact. Remarking that he was endangering the lives of other people, his Worship sentenced defendant to three months' hard labour.

MUNICH "BIG FOUR"

May Meet Again In January

Berlin, Dec. 29.

It is learned that Nazi political quarters have discussed the possibility of the Munich "Big Four" meeting in January to seek a settlement of outstanding problems, including the Indo-French problem. This is unconfirmable, however.

At the same time, it is reported that Herr von Ribbentrop will shortly confer with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister—United Press.

Mrs. Jowel Box Registers

Ashtand, Ore.

The register of victors of the Chamber of Commerce shows a few old names. One is Harry G. Wisker of California and another is Mrs. Jewel Box.

EMPIRE NEWS

IRON EXPORT BAN IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney.

The Federal Minister for the Interior, Mr. McEwen, replying to protests made by members from Western Australia against the embargo on exports of iron ore, said that recent investigations of Australia's major deposits of iron ore had resulted in drastic reductions in the estimates of their content.

The latest estimate of the iron ore on Koolan Island, Yampi Sound, the lease of which had been held by Brassemer Ltd. of London in conjunction with a Japanese syndicate, was 40,000,000 tons.

There were other deposits in Western Australia in the Weld Range, which were estimated at 25,500,000 tons, but they were 305 miles from the nearest port and could not be economically exploited. If the further investigations now being carried out indicated that Australia had more deposits than she would require for her future needs the present embargo would be lifted.

New Guinea Not for Germany.—Australia has no intention of handing back New Guinea to Germany, said Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Prime Minister. Mr. Lyons added that no suggestion had been made to him by Mr. Chamberlain that New Guinea should be given back to Germany.

New Zealand

PACIFIC SHIPPING COMPETITION

Auckland.

Reports published some time ago that the American Matson Line was to put new and larger vessels on its service to New Zealand and Australia are now denied by the line.

The present ships of the Matson Line, the *Maipo* and *Monterey*, both of 10,017 tons, are the fastest liners on the America-Australasia route. They were built and are operated largely by United States Government subsidy.

The proposal to build two larger and faster liners for the Canadian Pacific Company's Australian service, with the help of Government loans, has been held up owing to the prohibitive cost of ship-building at present.

India

DEFENCE COMMITTEE ON FRONTIER

Calcutta.

The members of the Expert Committee on Indian Defence, headed by the Chairman, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, are visiting the North-West Frontier this week-end.

Among the problems on which the committee is taking evidence are mechanisation of the army, the future of the Indian Navy, the financing of the defence services and internal security.

British Guiana

UPLANDS CAPABLE OF SETTLEMENT

Georgetown.

Mr. Thomas Pain, curator of the Chelmsford and Essex Museum, arriving here upon his return from an expedition to the heart of the Guiana jungle, said he was glad to hear of the proposal to settle Jewish refugees in Guiana.

He added that the land was capable of supporting a large population. The collection of mollusca he had obtained proved the soil was rich in calcium. The Indians were growing cabbages, tomatoes, onions and other English vegetables. They had their own cane fields and a sugar mill. Mr. Pain's meteorological records show a maximum day temperature at an elevation of 2,900 feet of 90 degrees Fahrenheit and a minimum night temperature of 65 degrees.

Film Studios To Be Merged

Negotiations now proceeding are expected to bring under a single control the film studios at Denham, Middlessex, and Pinewood, Iver, Bucks.

Mr. Alexander Korda, chairman and managing director of London Film Productions, who own the Denham Studios, and Mr. J. Arthur Rank and Capt. Richard Norton, of Pinewood Studios Ltd., explained, in a joint statement, that the merger would "achieve greater rationalisation and efficiency in the production of films."

"The aim," Mr. Korda said, "is to create a new studio-operating company which will reduce overhead charges, increase efficiency, and thereby benefit both the studios and the producers making films there."

HEAVY PROGRAMME

"We have a very heavy programme ahead of us at London Films. I shall now be able to give my full attention to it instead of devoting half my time to the studios." The composition of the new board has not yet been announced. "A Yank at Oxford," "Victoria the Great," "The Drum," and "The Citadel" are among the films made at Denham during the last year. "The Mikado" and "Pygmalion" have been made at Pinewood.



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MEN WITH WINGS

"CAPTAIN FOSTER" REVIEWS 1938 RACING SEASON

INNOVATIONS APPRECIATED BY PUNTERS

BEST FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE JOCKEY CLUB

The racing year just concluded was undoubtedly the best financial racing season of the Hongkong Jockey Club. A most interesting feature of the year under review was the colossal sale of 332,190 dollar cash sweep tickets in the Hongkong Derby run in Spring, and the first prize, valued \$141,380.05, was won by a syndicate of amahs, the ticket being divided into ten parts of ten cents a share. This phenomenal luck was followed up by another company of Chinese female servants in the Kwangtung Handicap run on October 22, when the sale of tickets amounted to 209,030 chances and the syndicate received \$88,963.18.

It may be safely said that racing was excellent during the whole season and a vote of thanks is due to the Stewards and Officials for discharging their duties to the entire satisfaction of the public. The introduction of the index number of a pony's last run in the programme during the second half was much appreciated by the punters and there was also embodied the state of the going in the results of every meeting. While on the subject I wonder whether it can be arranged to incorporate either the pedigree of an Australian pony in the list of entries or state whether the pony is a gelding or a mare. The latter is preferable, for some punters have a prejudice against the female sex.

C. ENCARNACAO HEADS LIST OF SUCCESSFUL JOCKEYS DURING YEAR

The permanent residence in Hongkong of several crack northern jockeys, such as Messrs. C. Encarnacao, H. J. Hearn, V. V. Needa, A. W. Raymond, L. Wade, Peter Wei and a few others was a windfall to all the owners in general and their presence was in a certain measure responsible for the influx of large crowds at the extra meetings.

Space is too limited to publish a complete list of all jockeys who rode at Happy Valley and Aelia Preta during the year, but statistics which I have compiled show that 62 members had the pleasure of being led in to the unsaddling enclosure outside the weighing room. Congratulations are extended to Mr. C. Encarnacao who heads the list (as enumerated below) with 25 wins, 19 seconds and 17 thirds followed by Mr. A. Raymond with a ratio of 24-17-12. Mr. "Vic" Needa is third with 21-14-14 and Mr. Proulx comes next with 18-10-15. Mr. R. B. Moller was a great success, ending the season with six classic wins. His first successful mount was on Silkylight, in the Maiden Stakes and the next was on Desert Star belonging to Mr. C. N. Kong in the Valley Stakes. Then followed the much coveted Hongkong Derby on Silky-light. Another feather was added to "Boojie's" cap when he piloted the brown stallion of his father's to victory in the Champion Stakes, beating the invincible Liberty Bell, owned by Mr. L. Dunbar. His last two successes after the resumption of second half were on the same pony in the Hongkong St. Leger and Autumn Champions. The following is a list of the successful jockeys:

	Wins	2nds	3rds
C. Encarnacao	25	19	17
A. W. Raymond	24	17	12
V. V. Needa	21	14	14
B. A. Proulx	18	10	15
H. J. Hearn	17	17	18
S. C. Liang	13	16	13
D. Black	13	7	10
P. Y. T. Wei	11	4	8
L. B. Chao	10	11	6
B. L. Tao	9	10	15
S. W. Tang	8	14	7
H. Maltland	7	10	5
S. L. Yuen	7	8	4
C. L. Gregory	6	4	10
R. B. Moller	6	3	1
H. P. Chanson	5	4	5
Ip Kui-ying	5	4	4
J. Pote-Hunt	5	2	4
L. Wade	4	6	5
H. J. Hearn	4	5	3
K. I. Ip	4	3	0
F. Marshall	3	7	0
A. F. D. Colson	3	3	1
K. S. Shu	3	2	2
C. F. Chiu	3	2	1
L. J. Feilden	3	2	1
W. G. Poy	2	5	14
G. W. Cooper	2	5	4
F. F. Li	2	5	4
F. L. Jul	2	2	1
Ho Hong-ping	2	1	1
G. Treverton	2	1	2
W. N. Yeh	1	0	8
A. Noodt	1	2	0
S. W. Pan	1	1	0
Young Wing-kwai	1	1	2
L. P. Ralph	1	1	1
D. R. A. Spreckley	1	1	1
R. M. Wood	1	1	1
Young Wing-sing	1	1	1
H. A. de Botelho	1	4	1
W. H. S. Davis	1	8	3

Fields Were Quite Up To The Mark Only One Entry In American Club Cup

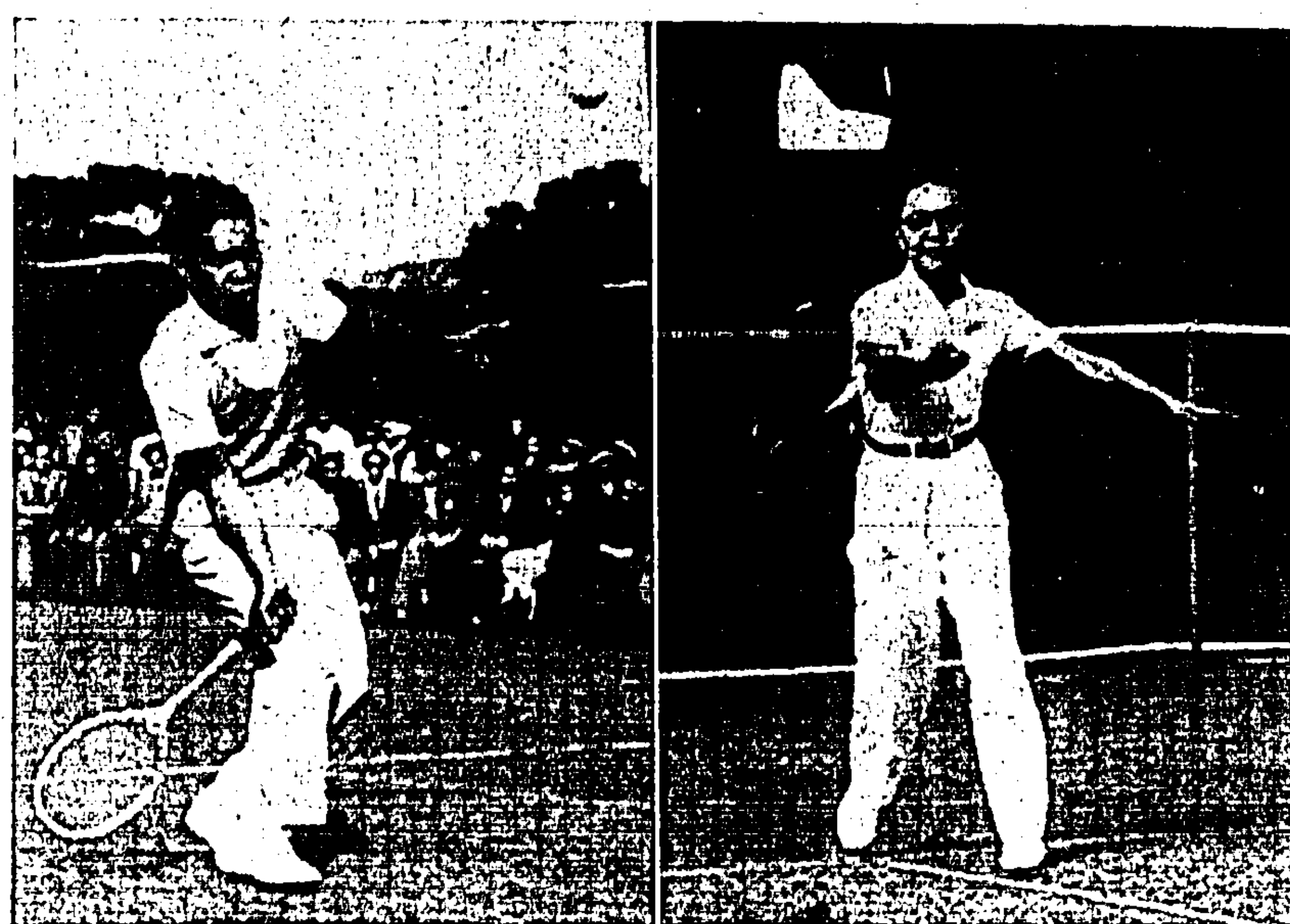
There were 21 actual days of racing and it is interesting to recall that 197 events were contested during the period at Happy Valley. The fields on the whole were quite up to the mark, but only one China pony (Camaronian) weighed out in the American Club Cup at the big meeting and in the circumstance a walkover was given to the owner, Mr. Eu Tong-sen. We had innumerable exciting and close finishes, the best being two dead-heats and 19 short heads. As a matter of interest, I have gone to the trouble to segregate the margin of defeats with the following results:

Dead Heat	2
Short Head	10
A Head	13
A Neck	10
Half-a-length	14
Three-quarters of a length	10
A Length	21
1 1/2 Lengths	10
Two Lengths	31
2 1/2 Lengths	5
Three Lengths	14
Four Lengths	8
Five Lengths	3
Six Lengths	3
Many Lengths	8

It will be seen from the above that 124 races, representing 63.20 per cent, were won by one and a half lengths and under, and the balance, 72 events (36.74%), were from two lengths upwards. The beating of one and a half lengths was common, for there were 40 such decisions.

W. Cotham	2
T. W. Chatfield	1
A. F. Ingram	1
A. H. R. Butcher	1
H. A. Browning	1
A. D. Coppin	1
H. Graye	1
P. Randolph	1
J. F. van Reede	1
G. R. Payne	1
Y. K. Wouh	1
R. L. Boody	1
P. P. Botelho	1
P. C. Chai	1
Chiu Ki-fan	1
G. P. Ferguson	1
Hoo Pak-ming	1
S. W. Lee	1
F. Olsen	1
S. N. Pan	1

Among the novices Mr. G. Treverton (private secretary to His Excellency the Governor) broke his duck on his own Australian cob, Brutus and so did Mr. Ho Hong-ping on his China pony, Flybynight. Mr. S. L. Yuen graduated at the Annual Carnival on Rob Roy in the Jockey Cup, Mr. P. L. Jul from Shanghai came out of the apprentice class in Macao.



Leonardo Gavia (left) and Amado Sanchez, the two top-ranking Filipino tennis stars, were seen in an exhibition at the Kowloon C.C. yesterday. Probably not accustomed to playing on grass, the visitors were unable to produce their best form. They are going to Saigon to participate in the Far East championships, to be held from January 7 to 14.—Photo by A. A. Kahn.

Three Records Broken By Australian Ponies

Mr. Clerk of the Weather was very kind to the racing public and this of course offered many opportunities for our Australian ponies to show their legs. Three new track records were broken during the season and it can be said, without any fear, that the Australian ponies always provided the best events of our programmes.

Mrs. J. H. Taggart's Lancashire Chips, carrying weight for inches as per scale with Mr. Proulx in the saddle, was in great form to annex the Crumond Brig Handicap over a short distance from the 1 1/2 mile post in 59.3/5 seconds, racing Derby Day's figure of 1.00.2/5 by four-fifths of a second.

Before the close of the half, Courtling Eve, ridden by Mr. H. C. Pih with a load of 165 lbs., just managed to reach home first in the Bondi Handicap over six furlongs beating the low weighter Lancashire Chips (145 lbs.) and at the same time lowered the latter's track record of 1.10.3/4 by a fifth of a second.

At the Easter session Strathroy, shouldering the top weight of 165 lbs. with his usual pilot Mr. Donald Black, was in fine fettle to win the Albury Handicap over a mile, beating Courtling Eve in record time, three-fifths of a second faster than that established by Saucy Face on April 22, 1935. It was an old record of about three years.

Much was expected of this year's subscription griffins, but the consignment which came from Queensland was far below the average. With the exception of Black Tim, Graceful Legs, Rose Josephine, Sea Imp, Simonian Eve, The Typhoon, Torpedo Star and Vandalia failed to appear before the public.

The total of stakes paid out to the Australian ponies including the subs of this class was \$55,500 and in comparison with last year's sum, the amount has been increased by \$6,100. This was due to the restoration of stake money in all events and also the introduction of a few races for "C" class Australian ponies.

A Better Time	\$ 750
A Grand Time	300
A Great Time	800
A Lovely Time	400
Abie Amazon	700
Alber	700
Amabella	1,775
Arina	1,300
Aztec	200
Bag Tor	200
Beat That	1,300
Blandford	1,300
Boris	800
Brutus	2,000
Cape York	200
Centre Court	1,500
Colorado Star	650
Courtling Eve	2,450
Criffel	2,000
Derby Day	750
Dick Turpin	500
Discovery Bay	900
Double Finesse	1,450
Electron	2,050
Gypsy Love	1,200
Home Brew	700
Katinka	1,300
King's Privilege	1,200
Lancashire Chips	3,550
Lily	1,200
Little Audrey	1,450
Llanarmon	800
Llangollen	800
Love Day	800
Lucky Lad	3,000
Macquarie River	1,500
Maya	1,500
Murray River	1,013
National Crisis	800
Olga	800
Perfect Day	800
Racing Heart	800

THREE PLAYERS WITHDRAW

Team of Three To Represent Colony In Saigon Tourney

For various reasons, three of the four tennis players originally chosen by the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association to represent the Colony at the Far East tennis championships at Saigon from January 7 to 14 have withdrawn from the team.

Only Szeto Blek has remained in the tournament. The three who have withdrawn are Tenna Kwok, Lai Kwong-tsun and Chan Chai-kung. As a result, officials of the Hongkong L.T.A. have had to ask other players to join the team. Two players who have already consented to make the trip to Saigon are A. E. P. Guest and George Choa. The team of three, according to present arrangements, will leave Hongkong on New Year's Day on the Lyemoon.

least one argument on our side. In addition to this, if the crowd are discouraged and are allowed to back up their own opinion instead of merely backing a horse just because majority of the crowd is after it, then we may see more respectable dividends declared than at present. Anyway, if you look at the newspapers and know anything of racing person ought to know what are really favourites in a certain event. So why go from window to window and be a nuisance? Then again more windows could be placed for likely favourites and non-favourites may be grouped in two or three according to the field or as the case may demand.

Before closing I have, one more thought in mind and that is universal amongst the patrons of the public enclosure. When are we going to get a chance of watching the ponies at parade in the paddock? If the stewards give a little thought to the subject and spend a little money and time, I believe it could be adjusted. There is quite a bit of room where the present bandstand is. The band could go a little more in towards the members stand and we wouldn't mind hearing it from a longer distance provided we have other advantages. By moving the rails

dividing the public and members' enclosure a little and utilising the space, a sufficiently large paddock could be managed. This will necessitate the construction of a rail with gates to allow the horses to be brought in from the stables. The passage taken will be narrow and the gates may be closed and opened to allow the members to move about once the horses are out or within the paddock. By adjusting these little things a longed-for grievance may be satisfactorily solved.

During the past year, we of the Public Enclosure have been put to a certain amount of inconvenience by not having satisfactory arrangements made both at the "Sellers and Pay out" windows. In this connection, quite a lot could be done if short rails are placed separating each window so that it may naturally force the callers to follow a queue formation. A lot of rush and unnecessary waste of energy could be avoided thus. Of course, this will bring a bitter protest from the crowd who promenade from window to window looking at the number of tickets sold on each horse. It is this crowd that usually causes all the obstruction. At the present time their estimation of numbers does not always hold good as they are unaware how the backing in the members' enclosure is. So there is at

FILIPINO TENNIS STARS DID NOT SHOW BEST FORM

Gavia And Sanchez Unused To Playing On Grass

(By "Abe")

Apparently not accustomed to playing on grass courts, Leonardo Gavia and Amado Sanchez, the two top-ranking tennis stars of the Philippines, were not at their best yesterday afternoon when they participated in an exhibition on the Kowloon C.C. courts. Gavia, who already has had some experience of grass courts, played quite well, but his partner, who beat him twice this year in major tournaments, failed to settle down and gave only a mediocre display.

To be quite frank, the exhibition was disappointing. From what we have heard and read of both these players, who have been selected to represent the Islands in the Far East tennis championships to be held at Saigon next month, they must be better than they showed themselves to be yesterday; and it would be foolish, I think, to judge them on yesterday's form.

Arrangements for the match made by the Kowloon C.C. were splendid in every way, and weather conditions were ideal for good tennis; but the standard of play, except for occasional flashes of brilliance, was on the whole rather uninspiring.

GAVIA BETTER
Of the two visitors, Gavia was the better. He was far more reliable than Sanchez, who displayed a particular weakness overhead which was astounding for a player of his reputation. Even his ground strokes were not always dependable, but his service throughout was good.

Gavia showed some deft touches at the net, often smashing with great power and alternating with some very finely-executed stop-volleys. One of the brightest features of the tournament was the fine work of George Choa, who, partnered by Szeto Blek, took a set off the visitors. Choa easily held his own and was easily the best of the four next to Gavia.

Tsui Wai-pul, the Colony champion, started impressively in his singles game against Gavia, but after winning the first set after nine games and looking set to take the second as well, he lost it at 6-2.

A. E. P. Guest and Tsui Yun-pul held the Filipino stars to 14 games before losing their first set, but they were definitely outplayed in the second.

The following were the scores of the matches played, with the visitors tally first:

Gavia and Sanchez v. George Choa and Szeto Blek: 6-4, 2-6.
Gavia v. Tsui Wai-pul: 3-6, 6-2.
Gavia and Sanchez v. A. E. P. Guest and Tsui Yun-pul: 8-6, 6-1.
Gavia and Sanchez v. Tsui Wai-pul and Tsui Yun-pul: 3-6.
Gavia and Sanchez are sailing for Haiphong this afternoon on the s.s. Canton. From Haiphong they will travel over-land to Saigon.

On completion of the tournament, they will return to Manila via Singapore.

IMPORTANT RUGBY TIE TO-MORROW

The deciding match of this year's Triangular Rugby Tournament will be played on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow, when the Club will play the Navy for the second time. The match will commence at 4 p.m. and will be refereed by Lt. Pirie.

Although there is still an Army v. Navy fixture to be played off, it is unlikely that it will make any difference to the result of the tournament as the Army have already been defeated three times.

To-morrow's match, therefore will decide whether the Navy retain the trophy, which they won last year or merely share it with the Club. In the first round the Club were beaten by the narrowest of margins at 13 points to 14 after a rousing game and to share the trophy, they must win to-morrow. A defeat or even a draw will be of no use to them. Both Navy and Club have full sides out and a really hard and exciting game, with the ultimate result ever in doubt until the last whistle, should be seen by spectators.

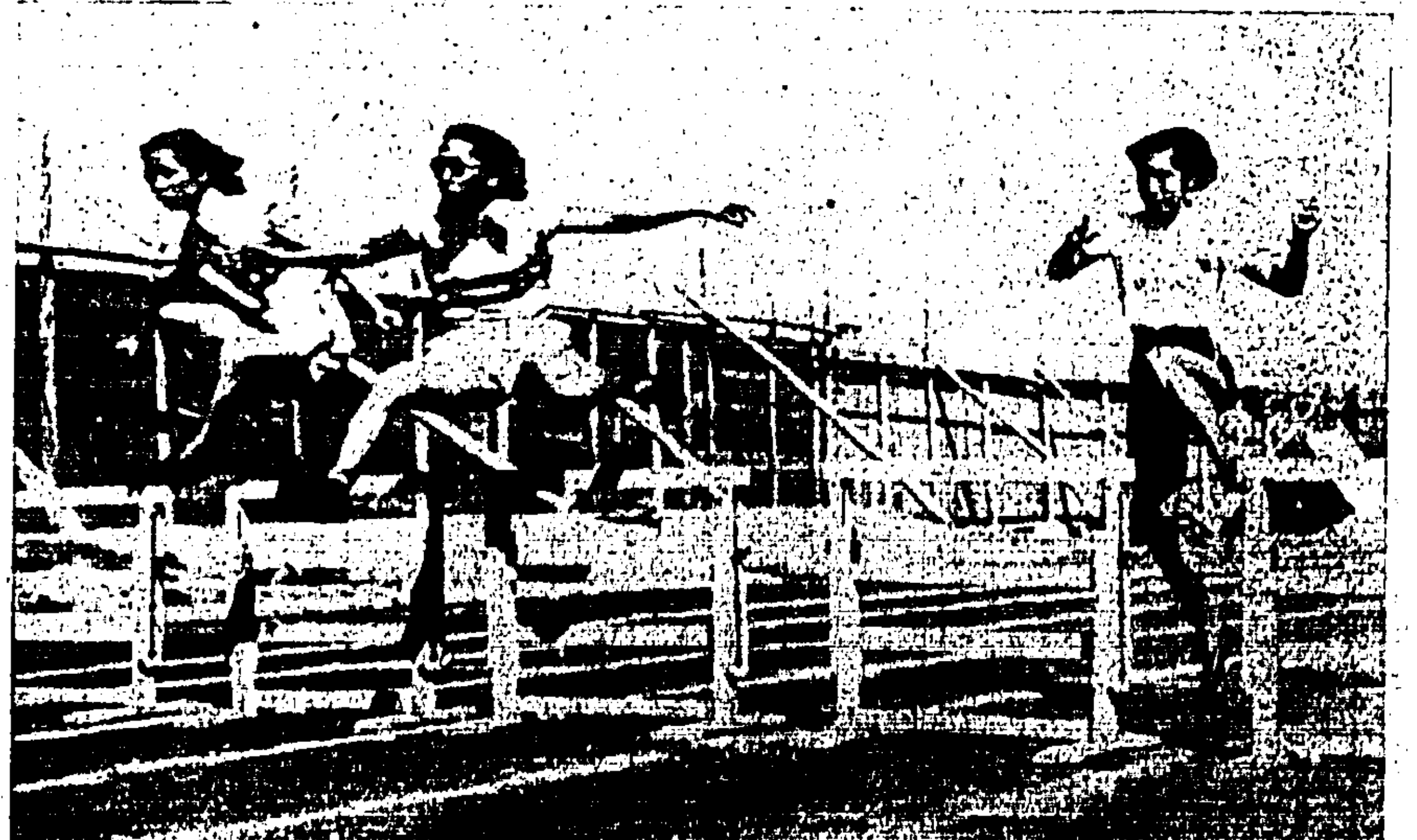
Prior to the Tournament game the Club "A" XV will play the Royal Engineers at 2.45 p.m. This game will be refereed by Dr. J. A. R. Selby. The Club sides have been selected as follows:

1st XV.—M. W. MacGrath; G. K. Chadwick; H. D. Bidwell (Captain); W. E. Grieve; D. H. Stewart; F. Cressford; J. R. Henderson; K. A. Watson; K. W. Salter; C. M. Stark; J. S. Dunnett; W. E. Peers; H. W. E. Heath; A. J. G. Taylor and W. B. Richardson.
"A" XV.—F. M. Thompson; D. I. Bosanquet; D. Hynes; E. T. Turner; H. van Leeuwen; J. Hutchison; E. C. Luscombe; R. G. L. Oliphant; P. W. Burton; E. A. Bompas; G. J. P. Carey; J. C. Davis; W. Stoker; K. H. G. White and J. Redman (Captain).

NAVY TEAM

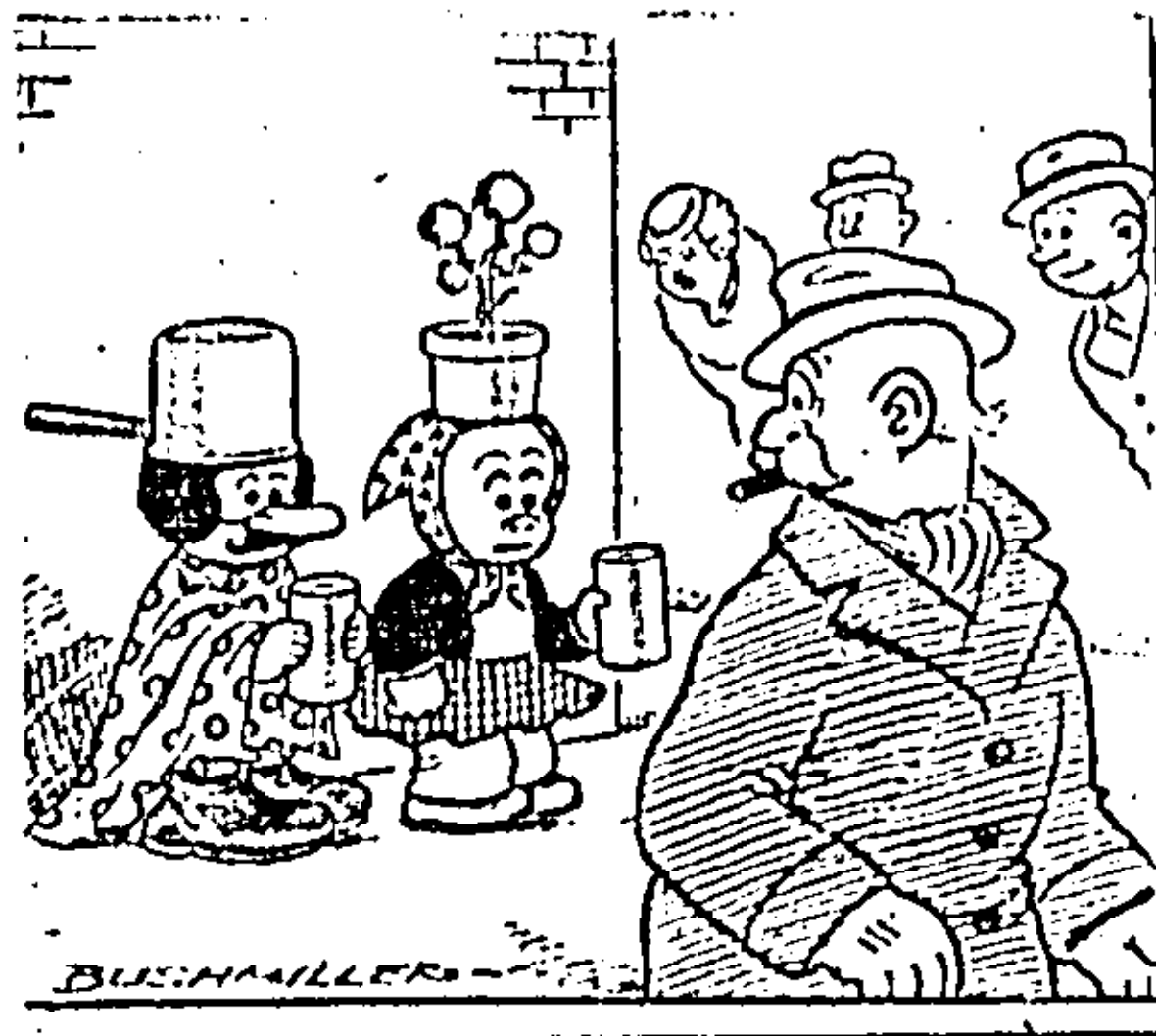
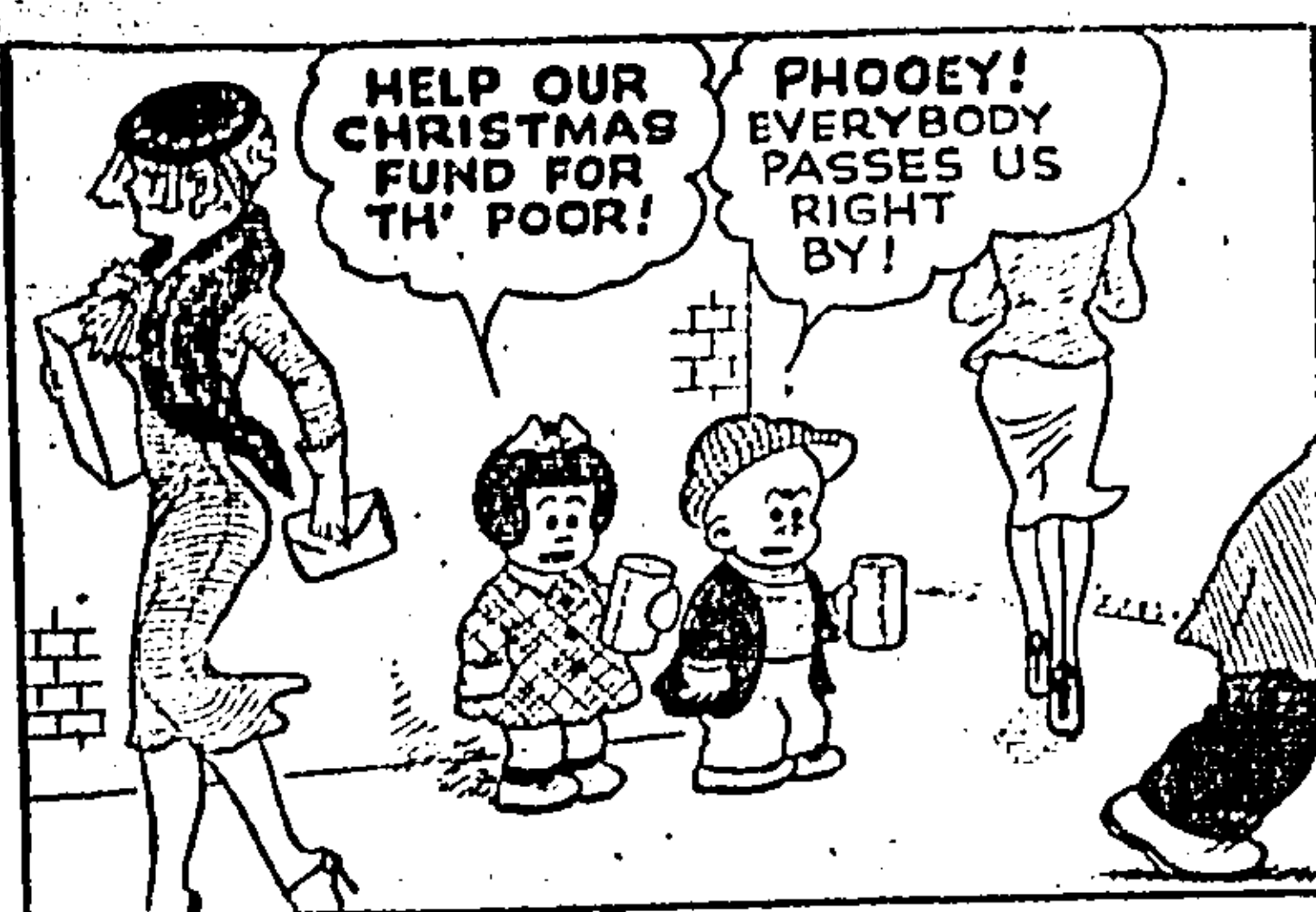
The following have been selected to represent the Navy at Rugby against the Club in the Final Round of the Triangular Tournament on Saturday, December 31 on the Club Ground. Kick off at 4 p.m.—

Pay Lieut. Stevens (Kent); Lieut. (E) Lewis (Birmingham); P. O. Askwith (Dunelm); Lieut. Skelton (Medway); Lieut. Walters (Medway); Lieut. Elliot (Exeter); Lieut. Talbot (Medway); A. B. Thatcher (Exeter); Mr. Witherton (Duncan); Lieut. Sea. Romans (Exeter); Sub. Lt. (A) Hain (Exeter); Lieut. Darling (Medway); Lieut. Ogle (Medway); Lieut. Anderson (Medway) and Lieut. Griffiths (Medway).



The 80 metres women's hurdle race in progress at the International week-end. The event was won by Chu Kai-sung, with Law Man-fu second and Mary Baffed third.—Staff Photographer.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

A WONDERFUL RECOVERY BY THE NAVY IN TRIANGULAR CRICKET MATCH

Lieut. Commdr. Kennedy Saves Side With Grand Century At Vital Stage

(By "H. Abbl")

When this match was resumed yesterday, for a time nothing went right for the Navy. With seven runs scored, Godby bowled Wanstall, Smith (24) was taken in the slips at 35 and Manners went twelve runs later trying to hook a long hop on his off stump and missing it. Whitmarsh was bowled by one that was much better than he thought it was, Lee was very well caught at the wicket at 64, and nine runs later Talbot skied Godby and was caught by Hatfield running from slip to line leg. 73-7. The Army seemed to have the game in their pockets.

A QUEER GAME
But cricket is a queer game and the situation began to change when Kennedy, who had been defending steadily, was joined by Firth. The innings defeat was raved, and the newcomer began to lay about him. He played nice cricket but made one very bad shot near cover which did not go to hand. It was rather typical of some of the Navy batsmen who seemed perfectly happy and likely to stop for a week and then

their wickets. However, Firth steadied down and played excellently, hitting Godby excellently to the tent. Hatfield relieved Godby who had bowled thirteen overs in succession. Firth hooked the new bowler for four and off-drove a nice two. Land relieved Coombes and Kennedy square cut his first ball to the house, and three further singles came in the over. Next over Firth hooked one square and then placed the next to long leg but the last ball was pitched up and it fell on the batsman's toe, and the decision was against him. Again an unexpected wicket, for the ball should have gone for a sitting four. The stand had put on 49 runs of which Firth had 35. Apart from the bad cover shot it was an excellent innings (122-8-35).

Kennedy then took hold and in Hatfield's next over made a beautiful late cut, another boundary to long leg and a couple square cut. He followed this with a splendid strike cover drive in the next over. Moore played the right game and defended though he crashed a particularly involving half-volley from Land along the carpet to cover for a couple. Next over Kennedy completed his fifty—a grand fighting innings.

Patterson relieved Land and bowled six leg balls. The first four were unpunished but Moore got a single and then Kennedy put the sixth ball to long leg boundary. The Navy were now on the crest of the wave and Moore hooked Swyers, bowling at the Yard end, for two fours in succession.

THE SECOND CENTURY
Tiffin might have been an upsetting factor but the two batsmen played on and the two hundred was sent up. Godby and Hatfield were bowling but they did not seem so dangerous as before. The new ball was called for and Kennedy sent it promptly through the slips for four and then scored three off the next delivery. Runs continued to come and the Army fielding seemed to get a little rattled. Moore played one back to Hatfield who threw at his wicket—a thing he seems fond of—and a four resulted. I am very doubtful if this really pays. Two singles later, Kennedy completed his century. Next ball Moore was caught in the slips off his glove. The ninth wicket had put on 108 runs, of which Moore had thirty-two. I don't know much about his cricket but he can seldom have played a more useful innings. (230-9-32).

Paxton held up his wicket and some close singles were run—but Kennedy finally played one of Hatfield's into his wicket when the score was 238. Thus the Army who seemed to have the match in their pockets at noon were left with the task of making 158 in two hours and ten minutes.

THE LAST KNOCK
The Army started with Logan and Patterson but with fifteen on the board Logan hit out at one of Paxton's which pitched on his leg stump and was l.b.w. 15-1-4. Land came in and things looked good for the Army, as the runs came readily. At 47, however, Manners went on and Patterson got right under his first ball, a full toss to leg and skied it to long leg where Kennedy never looked like dropping it. 47-2-16. Whitmarsh went on for Paxton but Land seemed to have his measure. Godby, however, started as slowly as he had done in the first innings. Still he got a couple of fours in succession off Whitmarsh, whose bowling was handicapped by a strained side and started to speed up when he cut Whitmarsh to the left of short, third man and Paxton brought off a good catch 69-3-17. Webb came in but played his fourth ball on to the leg stump. The tide seemed turning!

COLLAPSE
But more trouble was coming to the Army, for Moore, who went on for Manners after the latter had broken the stand, pushed one past Land which got up. The batsman seemed to lose his balance and Clayton pulled the ball down in a flash and stumped him. Three wickets had fallen at 89! But another was made some silly shot which cost them

DANCE AT THE I. R. C. TO-NIGHT

The Indian R. C. embark upon their winter social programme this evening with a dance at the Club-house at Sookunpoo. Every effort has been made by the Sub-Committee to make the event a success. Prizes will be awarded for the most original fancy dresses worn during the evening, and also in spot-dances. As added attractions, two well-known dancers will give exhibitions and a popular local tenor will sing during the evening. Dancing commences at 9 p.m.

to fall, for Coombes was taken at second slip in the same over. Sgt. Baker broke the spell with a single. Then tea was taken. Three maidens were sent down after tea and then Whitmarsh bowled Baker middle stump with one that seemed to come through a little quicker. 71-7-1. Hatfield cut a four behind point but was taken at second slip. 75-4-4. Two balls later Major Swyers cracked one to Lees at mid-off and the Navy had won a glorious victory by 83 runs. A most amazing game. The honours go to Kennedy and to Moore and Whitmarsh on the second day. The former's figures were 10-3-4-16-3 and the latter's 8-2-2-4-16-3. The Army were of course unlucky in having Laurence away injured. But I doubt if he could have made the result different.

Royal Navy—1st. Inns 118
Army—1st. Inns 199
ROYAL NAVY—2ND INNS.
L. S. Smith, c Land b Coombes 24
E. A. Clayton, c Godby b Hatfield 10
S. P. O. Wanstall, b Godby 10
L. Manners, b Godby 10
Lt. Commr. Kennedy, b Hatfield 106
Lt. Firth, l.b.w. b Land 35
Major Whitmarsh, b Coombes 25
Comdr. Lee, c Logan b Godby 2
Lt. Talbot, c Hatfield b Godby 32
Mar. Moore, c Land b Godby 32
C. P. O. Tel. Paxton, not out 1
Extras 230
Total 230

Bowling Analysis.
Godby 10 M. R. W. 81 1 1
Hatfield 12 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Coombes 12 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Land 10 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Swyers 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Patterson 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Extras 1
*bowled one no ball.

ARMY—2ND INNS.
S/Sgt. Patterson, c Kennedy b Manners 16
Driver Logan, b Whitmarsh 20
Lt. Land, c Clayton b Moore 17
Capt. Godby, c Paxton b Whitmarsh 17
Cpl. Webb, b Whitmarsh 0
Major Swyers, c Lee b Moore 0
Sgt. Baker, b Whitmarsh 1
Pte. Coombes, c Smith b Moore 4
Pte. Hatfield, c Moore b Whitmarsh 4
P. S. M. Patterson, not out 0
Capt. Lawrence, absent hurt 7
Extras 7
Total 75

Bowling Analysis.
Paxton 8 M. R. W. 1 1 1 1
Moore 10 3 4 18 1 1 1 1
Capt. Whitmarsh 8 3 2 21 1 1 1 1
Lt. Manners 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
*bowled one no ball.

KOWLOON TEAMS
An intra-club game will be played at the K. C. C. to-morrow at 2 p.m. Teams are:
A team—D. J. N. Anderson (captain), P. E. Lee, S. V. Giffins, G. W. Giffins, H. P. Shields, L. W. Hume, E. C. and E. F. Fincher, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, A. Wright, A. H. Other.
B team—W. Mulcahy, (captain), W. L. McKenzie, J. R. Luke, H. Brookshire, G. G. Davies, G. E. Taylor, G. A. Goodman, C. Walker, D. D. Lay, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, R. A. J. Simpson.

Wishing you all
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Lieut. J. E. Manners, R.N., the former Hampshire cricketer, who has been making a lot of runs in Hongkong this season, did not do as well as generally expected in the Triangular Cricket Tournament match against the Army. He scored 20 in the first innings and 16 in the second. Photo by A. A. Kahn.

Prominent Sports Leader Leaving Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 24.
Shanghai's sporting community will suffer a loss which will be difficult to replace when R. Grimshaw leaves this port on December 28 to take up residence in Hongkong, due to a business transfer to that city where he is to assume an important executive position.

"Grimmy" as he has been affectionately known to his intimates has achieved his best recognition as the hardworking President of the Shanghai Football Association over a period of years when football went through a metamorphosis—the transfer from the Race Course matches to the matches which attracted crowds to such venues as the Stadium and the Candrome due to the entry of Chinese teams.

He has had an all-round interest in sport and apart from holding the presidency of the Shanghai Football Association, has been a Vice-President of the Shanghai Football Club, a Vice-President of the Shanghai Hockey Club, President of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association, and the Chairman of the Committee of the Shanghai Cricket Club.

Coming out from England some 30 years ago for a Lancashire piece goods firm, Grimshaw entered the field of sport with as much enthusiasm as any of the keen sportsmen of this day. He became proficient at tennis and cricket, and in the former game won several important matches in the Cricket Club championships, while he achieved distinction in cricket as a bowler

and went up to Hankow with the interport team one year. At soccer he played for the Shanghai Football Club.

FUNCTION IN HIS HONOUR
It was in the executive positions however that he proved most valuable and his presidency of the Football Association has earned him the reputation of being the most hardworking president the Association has had. In thirty years' association with soccer, he has served for fourteen years as a president. He was President of the Lawn Tennis Association from 1932-35 and relinquished that post to remain connected with tennis as a vice president.

He leaves Shanghai on December 28 when he will relinquish his posts in the various associations with which he is connected. A number of presentations are being made to him, and there will be a function at noon to-day to be attended by executives of the Football Association, and another on Tuesday by committee members of the Cricket Club. He carries with him the best wishes of Shanghai's sporting community.

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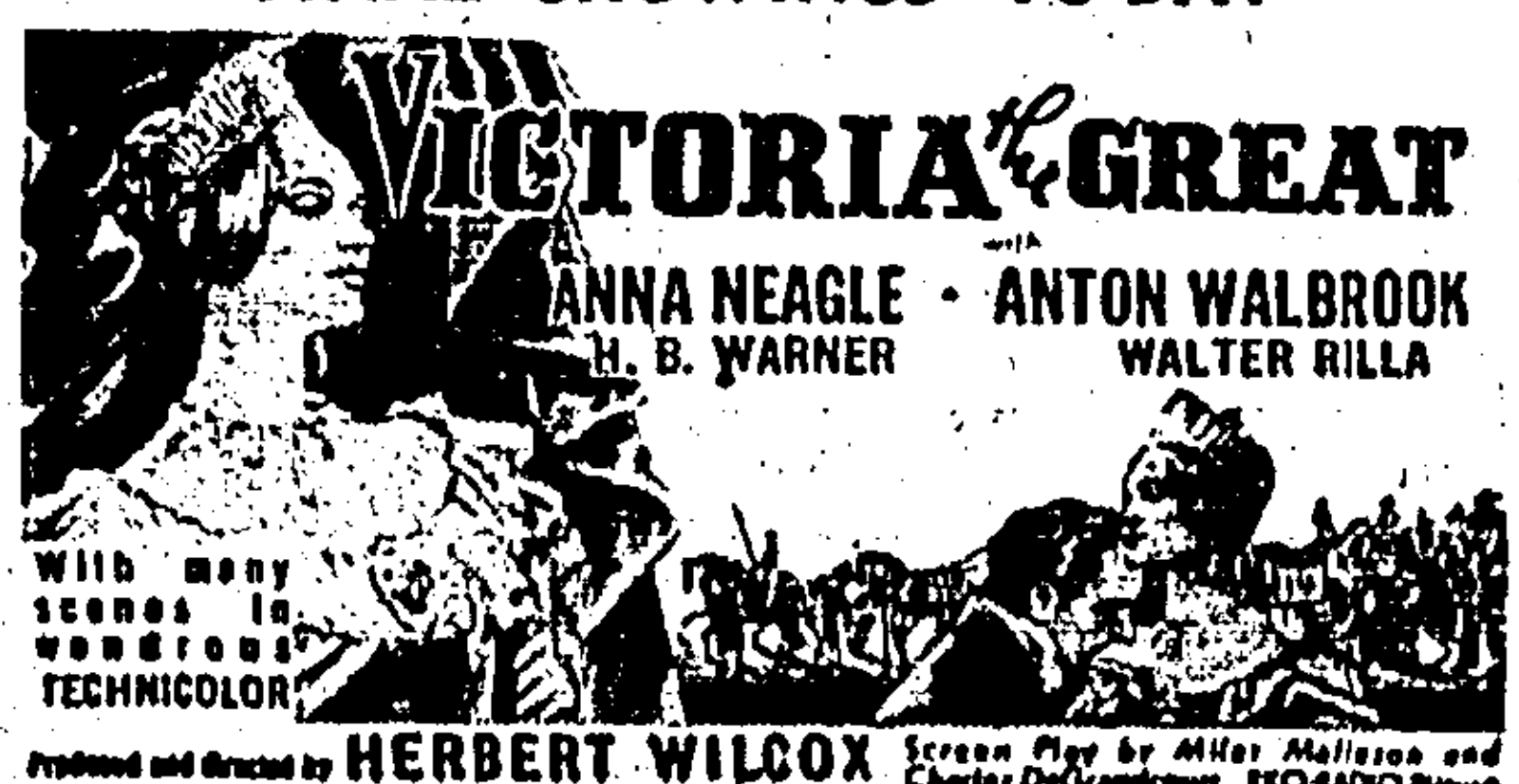
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A PRICELESS GEM FROM A NANKING NEWSPAPER

Britain Hands Hongkong To The Japanese

The "Voice of New China", an English-language magazine published in Nanking, publishes two interesting articles in its last issue.

One article denounces foreign language newspapers which print fabricated reports, "meant to deceive the suffering Chinese people."

The second article is a gem of fabrication. Read it:

"The inevitable has happened. Japanese forces have occupied Kowloon, Chinese territory, within a stone's throw from Hongkong."

"The complete and economic isolation of the British colony for the past two months has been effectually accomplished."

"Ocean-going steamers with no cargoes in their holds are no longer

calling at Hongkong which, being a free port, has always been depending on shipping for its prosperity."

"The short line of railway connecting Hongkong with Canton can no longer function as the Chinese end of this railway is in Japanese hands. Japan is not too eager to repair this line for the sole benefit of Hongkong merchants and others dependent on Canton for livelihood."

"In view of the present strained relations between Japan and Britain, anything can happen between these two countries. It is the consensus of opinion that the occupation of Canton by Japan means the end of British trade and cultural influence in South China."

"Hongkong cannot be defended from bombing planes, which could easily destroy the water reservoirs."

"It is an open secret that Hongkong possesses huge underground tanks. Also a labyrinth of underground passages, and clefts have been built connecting the island with the mainland. All these precautions are of no avail."

"In a war between Japan and Britain, it is predicted that Hongkong would be the first far-flung British outpost to fall."

"Hence, Britain has taken the only course that is honourable and dignified, that is, by giving up Hongkong peacefully instead of losing it in a war with Japan."

"Britain's 'face' has thus been saved. In this we wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to wise British statesmanship for being forthright in withdrawing from Hongkong without loss of prestige and without being compelled to hand it over to Japan as a war booty."

Who fabricates!

Lord Victor Paget's Debts

Creditors of Lord Victor Paget, brother of the Marquis of Anglesey, meeting in London recently were told that he had been entirely dependent on the income received from a trust fund created under the will of his mother. It was a discretionary trust and the Official Receiver, or trustee, would be unable to attach it for the benefit of the creditors.

Lord Victor's income was said to be about £15 a week, but he obtained a loan from the trustee for medical and other fees and was now repaying that at the rate of £6 a week.

A statement of affairs showed unsecured indebtedness of £1,821, which included liabilities of £1,691 in a bankruptcy in 1934.

"On the other side he says he has not got anything in the way of assets," said Mr. C. Bruce Park, the Official Receiver.

Mr. F. S. Salaman, chartered accountant, was appointed trustee.

LATE NEWS

Lipstick For Women Territorials

London. What about the Army, or rather the new Women Territorial regiment? Should girls on duty use lipstick and make-up? Silk stockings have been officially banned.

Mrs. H. J. Neill, Company Commandant in Sheffield, thought business was business and powder and paint were play. What is more she said so.

Some girls declared they would not join up if they were not to be allowed to make-up. What morale, they asked, has a girl with a shiny nose?

Most commandants are not biased against glamour in the ranks but they would prefer it with a small 'g'.

Such was the heat of the controversy that it became a matter of major policy. Mrs. Neill's outspokenness earned her a rap on the knuckles from headquarters and so she resigned.

Now headquarters offer no objection to powder and lipstick. If we must have women soldiers I am sure most men would prefer them to look their best!

The W. A. T's have had quite a stormy youth. Miss Ellen Wilkinson, red-haired Labour M.P., has alleged class distinction in the granting of commissions in the new force and has accused it of "beautifully coloured and manicured" officers.

The challenge has been taken up by the Countess of Carlisle who replied that the people "who accuse others of being snobs are themselves usually the worst offenders." Her own work, she added, was like Miss Wilkinson's among women of all classes.

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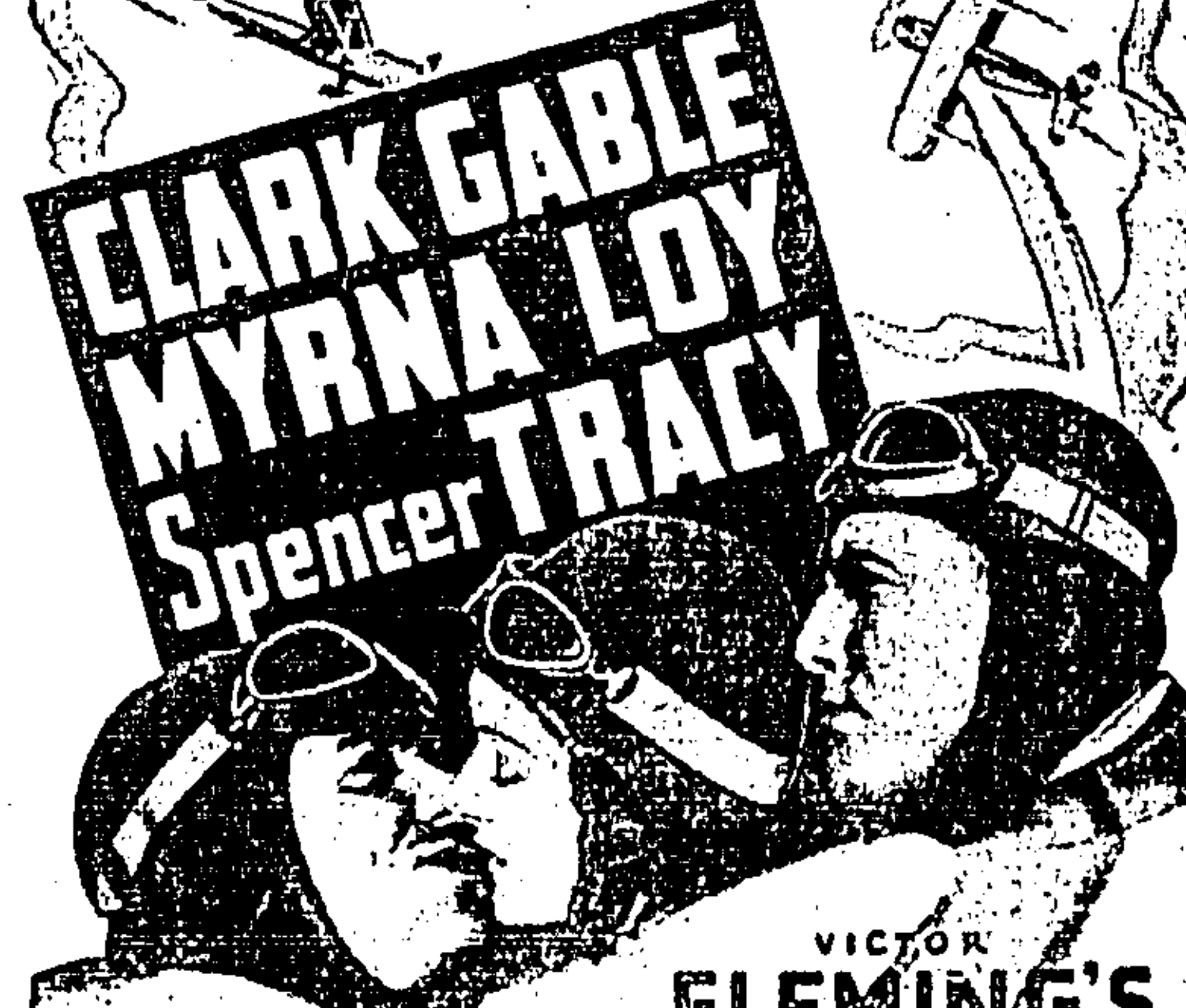
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The Hon. Ivor Guest, heir to Lord Wimborne, is Nationalist M.P. for Brecon and Radnor, and his bride is the daughter of the Earl and Countess of Ichester.

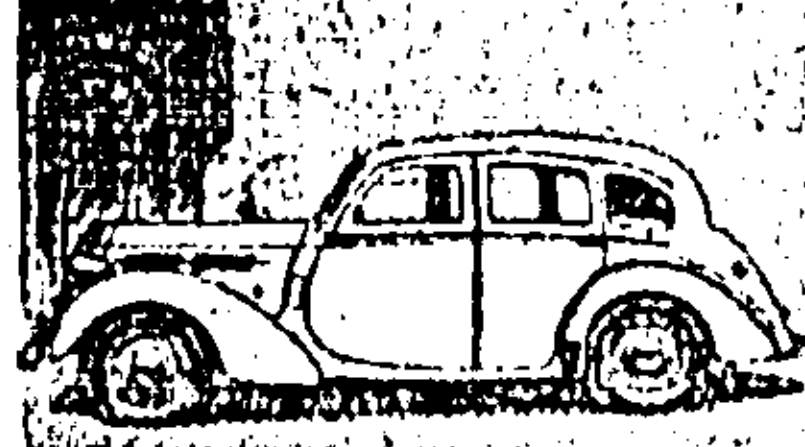
St. Mary Abbot's Church, in one of London's most important shopping centres, was chosen because it is near Lady Mabel's London home, Holland House, where the reception was held. Composed chiefly of young relatives of the bride and bridegroom, the

retinue was dressed in mid-18th century fashion. The girls' dresses were copied from an heirloom—the wedding dress in which the Lady Mabel's London home, Holland House, where the reception was held, was worn in 1722—and the boys wore suits of the same period in leaf-green velvets.

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SPAIN'S MAGINOT LINE FALLS TO INSURGENTS

Franco Claims Heavy Gains

HENDAYE, Dec. 29.
QUARTERS HEAD- have claimed the complete capture of the Loyalists' "Little Maginot Line" along the Segre River near Balaguer, while General Franco's crack mercenary forces have smashed four lines of steel and concrete fortifications.

From Saragossa it is announced that Balaguer, the bridge-head of the Segre River, has collapsed, and also that the Loyalist system of sunken forts have been captured.

The Insurgents are said to be driving the Loyalists into the Mediterranean.

The Balaguer bridge-head fell after a surprise attack in the centre of the 90-mile Catalan front, where only sporadic action took place during the first six days of the offensive.

General Franco sought to straighten out his curving line of advance by driving eastward from Balaguer to Cervera.

Meanwhile Navarrese and Galician troops in the northern sector drove close to the vital communication centre at Ariza de Segre, and Spanish and Italian columns in the southern sector hammered at Bortasblanca.

General Franco appears to be planning to converge his three armies in the vicinity of Cervera, biting off a section of Catalan territory by flanking operations, after which massed forces will advance on Barcelona and the coast.—United Press.

RELENTLESS DRIVE

LONDON, Dec. 29.
That General Franco's offensive, in which 500,000 men are engaged, is proceeding as relentlessly as ever after seven days, is proved by the vivid descriptions of fighting from "Reuter's" correspondents on both sides.

A Barcelona message says that planes and artillery transformed the hill-bound plains of Llanos del Urgel in the southern sector, and the

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BIG FOUR CONFERENCE? Berlin Interested in New Reports

BERLIN, Dec. 29.
THE SUPPOSITION put forward in the British, French and American press concerning the possibility of a new conference of the four Munich Powers at the end of January, has naturally aroused much interest in Berlin political circles, especially in connection with the development of Franco-Italian relations.

Nothing, however, is known here regarding such a plan, and absolute reserve is maintained on the subject. Competent quarters, nevertheless, give it to be understood that the result of the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax to Rome must be awaited before realization of the plan could be envisaged, all the more so, since it is certain that



SIAM'S BOY KING. Ananda Mahidol, recently returned from Switzerland, where he has been at school in Lausanne, to pay a visit to his native land, from which he has been five years absent. He is now thirteen years old. He succeeded King Prajadhipok in 1935, a council of Regency ruling during his minority. He is shown being welcomed at Bangkok.

JEWS ALARMED AT NEW LEVY RUMOURS

BERLIN, Dec. 29.
JEWS HERE are alarmed by the rumour, said to have come from a reliable source, that the 20 per cent. capital levy on their property is to be increased to 30 per cent.

Poverty Rules At Nanking

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.
THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE in Nanking has issued a report on its investigations into the changing economic conditions in and around Nanking.

The report gives a somewhat discouraging picture of the situation, stating that this year's crop suffered considerably alike from floods and war, and are estimated to be greatly below average.

While the grain produced in the vicinity of Nanking suffices for the population in the area, shipments are causing anxiety alike among dealers and consumers. Transportation is said to be insecure and irregular while levies, as well as lack of banking facilities made the situation worse.

The scarcity of money, combined with widespread unemployment, holds out little prospect of the recovery of formerly important Nanking industries. No less than 44 per cent.

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120 IN BIG SPY ROUND-UP IN REICH

BERLIN, Dec. 29.
MORE THAN 120 alleged plotters for the assassination of high Nazi officials will be tried early in the New Year in the biggest treason case since Herr Hitler came into power.

The plotters are reported to be led by Herr Franz Nirsaisch, a former writer and an ultra-Rightist, and it is said that they drew lots to determine the assassins.

It is not disclosed whether the purported plot involved the assassination of Herr Hitler.

Nirsaisch and 20 accomplices are imprisoned in Berlin's Moabit Prison. They will be tried secretly.

The authorities are convinced that the trials will result in at least 17 death sentences.

Several lawyers have already refused to accept the defence of the accused.—United Press.

'REALLY AMAZING' FORECAST

BERLIN, Dec. 29.
"THE FEVERISH HASTE with which the fountain pens of some journalists move along the map of Europe is really amazing," declares the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," referring to an article by Mr. Vernon Bartlett in the "News-Chronicle" (which was cabled to Hongkong in summarised form).

According to Mr. Bartlett Germany, in the course of the coming year, will demand colonies from Holland and Belgium, which, in the view of the German Government, would present greater advantages for the Reich than the colonies formerly owned by Germany.

Refusal by the Netherlands and Belgian governments to comply with this demand, says Mr. Bartlett, would have as a consequence invasion of those countries by Germany.

The German newspaper observes that such sentiments merely reflect the wish of their author to discover now that the main problem in Western Europe have been clarified, and that Eastern Europe does not, perhaps, arouse any longer such great interest in Paris and London—new regions in which aggressive aims can be attributed to Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Launches Big Anti-Spy Drive

Washington, Dec. 29.
The Treasury Department has announced that Mr. G. T. Helvering, the Commissioner for Internal Revenue, has ordered thousands of Treasury investigators in all departments, and various law-enforcement agencies to keep a sharp watch for espionage activities, in accordance with President Roosevelt's recent request for a strengthening of America's anti-spy defences.—Reuter.



SONJA HENIE

\$3,000,000 Court Writ Against Film Star

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.
SONJA HENIE, the former ice-skating champion of the world, and now a popular film star, has been named co-defendant in an action for \$3,000,000 damages.

The action has been brought on behalf of Fred Walton, ex-vaudeville artiste, alleging that the Twentieth Century-Fox

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FRANCE ADAMANT AGAINST ITALY'S AFRICA DEMANDS

LONDON, Dec. 29.
THE IMMINENCE of Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome on January 11 is arousing interest in the attitude of the Powers concerned regarding Italy's demands on France.

M. Cambon, the French Charge d'Affaires paid his usual daily visit to the Foreign Office to-day, exchanging views with British officials, says "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

It is understood that he repeated France's contention that Italy's present demands are such that they must be solved by France herself.

PREMIER'S OPTIMISM FOR 1939

Trials Of 1938 Were Outweighed By Gains

LONDON, Dec. 29.
MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN feels that if the past year has brought its trials, these are outweighed by the gains.

He expresses this view in a New Year message to "Home and Empire," the official Conservative Party magazine.

In referring to re-armament, he says: "Our armed strength enables us to say in the councils of nations that in seeking friendship with all peoples, we shall meet in a spirit of reasonableness and fair dealing, but we will not make concessions to force."

Referring to the past year, Mr. Chamberlain says: "Rejecting the view that war is inevitable, and that our only task is to prepare for it, I have consistently sought to remove the possible causes of war, and by direct consultation and discussion, to secure a new and fuller measure of confidence and understanding between the nations."

"My hope and aim is that, by this means, the international problems of our time may be settled in a spirit of conciliation and co-operation."

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Although restoration of friendly relations between France and Italy is of primary interest to Britain as a Mediterranean Power, there has never been any question of Mr. Chamberlain mediating between the two countries during his visit to Rome.

British circles recognise France's determination to look after her own interests, and her attitude is approved, extremely close contact being maintained by the British and French governments.

Discussion of Franco-Italian relations is not precluded during Mr. Chamberlain's visit, however, since Britain's pact with Italy is directly concerned with any threatened disturbance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

WILL NOT MAKE CONCESSIONS

LONDON, Dec. 29.
Well-informed diplomatic circles have predicted that France will not make the slightest concession to Italy, and it is pointed out that France, despite her superficial political differences, is as united on this issue as on any important international issue since the world war. Some observers said they appreciated that Mussolini is not bluffing. (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

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'War Orphans' Complete Long Trek

CHUNGKING, Dec. 29.
Five hundred "war orphans", who recently completed a long journey up-river from the war zones, and now housed in the Wan So Buddhist temple in the heart of Chungking, this afternoon celebrated a belated Christmas party under the direction of Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

While grey-clothed youths with red arm bands brought themselves smartly to attention, with wooden clubs representing rifles, and the youngsters stood and saluted, Madame Chiang walked swiftly through the portals of the centuries-old temple to the stage, where she was seated under a gaily decorated Christmas tree. She watched the children present plays, and heard them sing, while General Theodor Lu, who supervised the film of "Good Earth" in Hollywood, told them of the birth of Christ.—United Press.



A SHIP LIFTED ABOVE WATER BY A BOMB EXPLOSION.—During their campaign in China the Japanese air forces have made a practice of systematically bombing Chinese vessels plying up and down the River Yangtze. The above photograph—which is one of the most amazing of its kind that has ever been secured—was taken just at the moment when a heavy bomb fell close alongside a small steamer, and shows how the tremendous force of the explosion lifted the vessel clean out of the water!

London Firm Fined For Selling Tokyo Goods

LONDON, Dec. 29.
THE WELL-KNOWN Kensington stores of John Barkers, were fined £10 and twenty guineas costs in the West London police court to-day on a charge arising from the sale of a raincoat made in Japan, which did not bear the necessary marking.

The defence asserted that everything possible was done to comply with the Merchandise Marks Act. For ten years Barkers had purchased British raincoats, but owing to a shortage in October they accepted a supply of Japanese coats which were equally good. They were supplied without labels, and Barkers would be entitled to sell them in that state, but having applied their own label, they should have indicated their foreign origin. The magistrates declared that it was vitally important that legislation should be respected, not only for the protection of the public, but it was of great importance to traders when faced with the kind of competition they were up against from Japan and other countries.—Reuter.

"MEAN-SOULED" MAN'S FIANCEE ON APPROVAL

—"Tortuous Mind" Says Judge

SCATHING remarks about a husband who, when engaged, induced his fiancée to sign a document of "courtship on probation," were made in the Divorce Court recently by Mr. Justice Langton, granting a decree nisi to Mrs. Mabel Annie Margaret Davies, of Crown Street, Morriston, Swansea.

She sought divorce from her husband, David Ellis Davies, on the ground of cruelty, and alternatively asked for a decree of nullity, alleging that her husband had willfully refused to consummate the marriage.

The husband denied this and counter-charged his wife with cruelty towards him.

He denied that he had refused to consummate the marriage and alleged that his wife had refused.

Mrs. Davies denied her husband's allegations.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies were married on March 31, 1934, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Chapel, Swansea, and lived together at Sketty, Swansea.

The case for Mrs. Davies was that her husband assaulted her while she lived with him and she left him in May, 1934. A separation agreement was entered into on September 18 of that year.

"DISGRACEFUL LETTERS"

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Langton rejected the husband's allegation that evidence given by impartial witnesses was a tissue of lies, and that he was a victim of conspiracy between neighbours.

Over a series of years Davies had written letters to his wife which were a disgrace to any man.

"They have no reason in them, and I am sure they have no truth in them," said the judge. "They constitute, on his own evidence, a mere farrago of rubbish."

"They are false all through, and the uncontrolled freedom and fury with which he flings charges about, without any evidence at all to substantiate them, against all and sundry, shows that he is a man mean, spiteful and, to use his own favourite expression, 'vindictive' and very malicious."

"I regard his conduct as beyond excuse. It is said he was labouring under strong emotion. That may be in some way palliation. The husband is a school teacher and a religious teacher, and with all these advantages he seems to me to have made a miserable show."

"THIS IS TO CERTIFY"

During the period of courtship Mr. Davies received, as he said, the following certificate from his fiancée:

"This is to certify that my fiancé and I resume our courtship on probation as a disengaged couple from the beginning of April, 1932, and that my retention of the engagement ring is by no means an indication that I am engaged until I receive some other definite evidence from him to this effect."

It was not surprising, said the judge, that Mrs. Davies had said that she did not write this of her own accord.

It was not easy to imagine that any man would have been so mean-souled as to ask the girl to whom he was engaged to sign such a document.

"I am satisfied that he concocted this document so that he might have something in his favour in case he wanted to break off the engagement. I think that is an excellent indication of Mr. Davies's character."

NOT GENUINE

Later, Mr. Davies, following just the same line, and after he had been separated from his wife, persuaded her to write a letter in which she expressed sorrow for what she had said and done.

Just what was in his tortuous mind at that time the judge did not pretend to know.

It was clear there was nothing genuine in his mind when he made a suggestion that he wished his wife to return and resume married life.

"It is again a manoeuvre—one of that class of really mean manoeuvres of which Mr. Davies seems to be a master. He hoped to manoeuvre her



Members of the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. who gathered for a Christmas party on the Club grounds.—Ming Yuen.

29-Year-Old Bride For Knight Of 81

Notice has been given at a London register office of the forthcoming marriage of Sir Andrew Hislop Pettigrew, 81-year-old widower, of St. Andrew's Club, Whitehall Court, S.W., and Miss Joan Cottam, aged 29, of Gloucester Place, N.W.

The wedding is to take place at the Marylebone Presbyterian Church, George Street, Brynston Square.

into a position in which he would be able to get some financial advantage. "The correspondence shows that he is possessed of a most fantastic imagination," the judge added. "He apparently goes about the world under the impression that people are plotting against him. He seems to have a totally exaggerated sense of his own importance."

"SLANDER WITH IMPUNITY"

"He uses his pen to slander other people with considerable impunity. It is as well that he should be warned that this is a dangerous method of procedure."

Mr. Justice Langton said he believed Mr. Davies had refused to consummate the marriage "because of some freakish imagination of his own. He did not believe his story that the wife had refused."

Upon that issue alone Mrs. Davies was entitled to a decree of nullity. As to the issue of cruelty, again her story rang true.

"I believed this man did kick his wife," said the judge. "There was no condonation and she never went back to her husband after he was cruel to her."

City Murder Charge Acquittal

BUDD'S COUNSEL RECEIVES £15 15s.

ONLY 15 guineas was received by Mr. St. John Hutchinson, eminent K.C., for defending Horace Budd, 29-year-old engineer, of Hacton Drive, Harnchurch (Essex), who was found not guilty of murder at the Old Bailey recently.

Mr. Justice Asquith, who said he would recommend that the jury should be exempted from further service for seven years, added that he thought publicity should be given to the fact that defending counsel and solicitors, who had worked so well and so hard for Budd, received only nominal fees under the Poor Persons Act.

Mr. R. Blundell, junior counsel for the defence, received only ten guineas for his work and the solicitors only ten guineas.

This involved not only four days' appearance at the trial but preparation and study of the evidence.

COUNSEL'S SKILL

Had Mr. St. John Hutchinson been briefed in the ordinary way, his skill would have earned him a high fee. Eminent counsel have received as much as 1,000 guineas for defending people charged with murder and other serious offences.

Budd, who was charged with the murder of his friend, Francis Cyril Newlands, a steward at Temple Chambers, E.C., was kept waiting two and a half hours before the jury reached a verdict.

After he had been told he was a free man he thanked the judge and the jury and left the dock to meet his mother and relatives outside the court.

HER TEARS

Crying, "Oh, my dear boy, my dear boy," his mother burst into tears of relief as she saw him walking towards her. Both thanked police-officers of the court for the consideration shown to them during their long ordeal.

Budd said: "This is a just verdict."

Oh! Mister Porter

A distraught mother told the stationmaster at Reading recently that the train in which she was travelling to London had moved off while she was in the refreshment room buying milk for her five-months-old baby, whom she had left in charge of another woman passenger.

Mr. J. C. Fenner, the stationmaster, immediately telephoned London to have the train met and the baby cared for.

With tears in her eyes, the mother, Mrs. Johnson, of Bridgewater, Somerset, waited at Reading until the arrival of the next train to London. When she reached Paddington she found her baby safe and happy in the arms of the waiting-room attendant.

WINKING WOMAN AWARDED £1,500

Complaining that she had acquired an embarrassing wink as the result of a motor-car accident, a Wembley school-mistress was awarded £1,500 damages in the King's Bench Division recently.

She is Miss Emily Mounsey, of Empire Court, Wembley Park.

She sued Mr. Frank Chase, formerly a professional ice hockey player, who was driving her car at the time, Mr. W. A. R. Moody, Dalry Road, Stockwell, owner of the other car involved, and Mr. Frederick George Gaywood, Fenwick Road, East Dulwich, who was driving Mr. Moody's car.

Shortly after midnight on September 6, 1937, Mr. Chase was driving Miss Mounsey back to Wembley from Bromley when the cars collided in

Peckham. Each driver blamed the other.

SCARS Miss Mounsey, who was thrown through a window of her car, was badly cut and scars were still visible on her face and neck.

Sir Harold Gillies, the plastic surgeon, said that some of the scars could be removed at a cost of 100 guineas.

Miss Mounsey said that as a result of an injury to a nerve she often gave the impression that she was winking.

"It is very embarrassing at times," she said. Before the accident she led an athletic life as a swimmer and diver.

The jury found negligence by Mr. Gaywood.

Judgment was entered for Miss Mounsey against Mr. Gaywood for £1,500 with costs.

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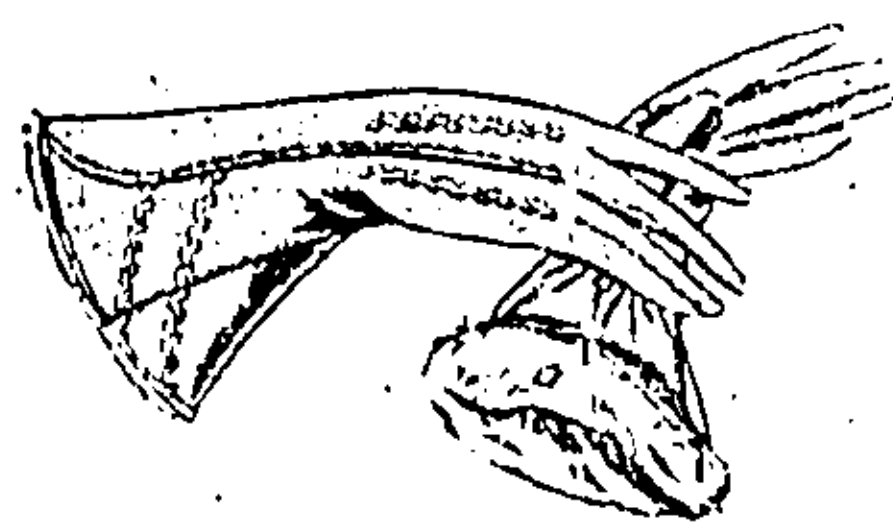
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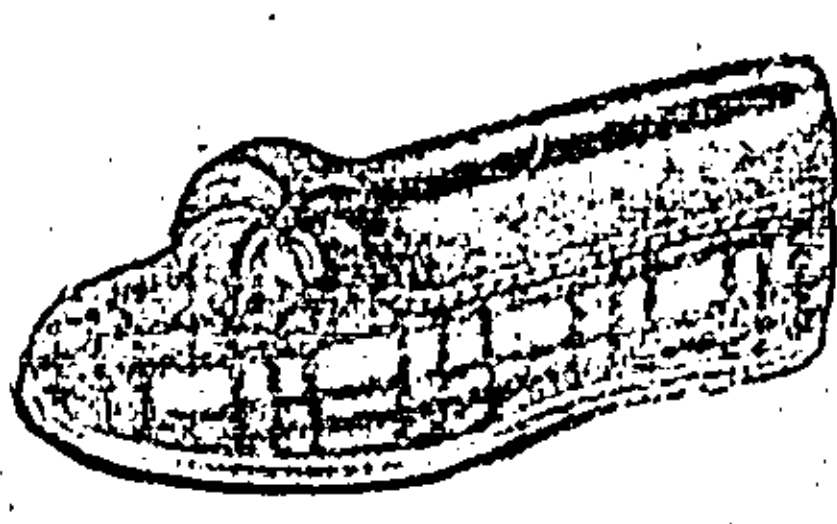
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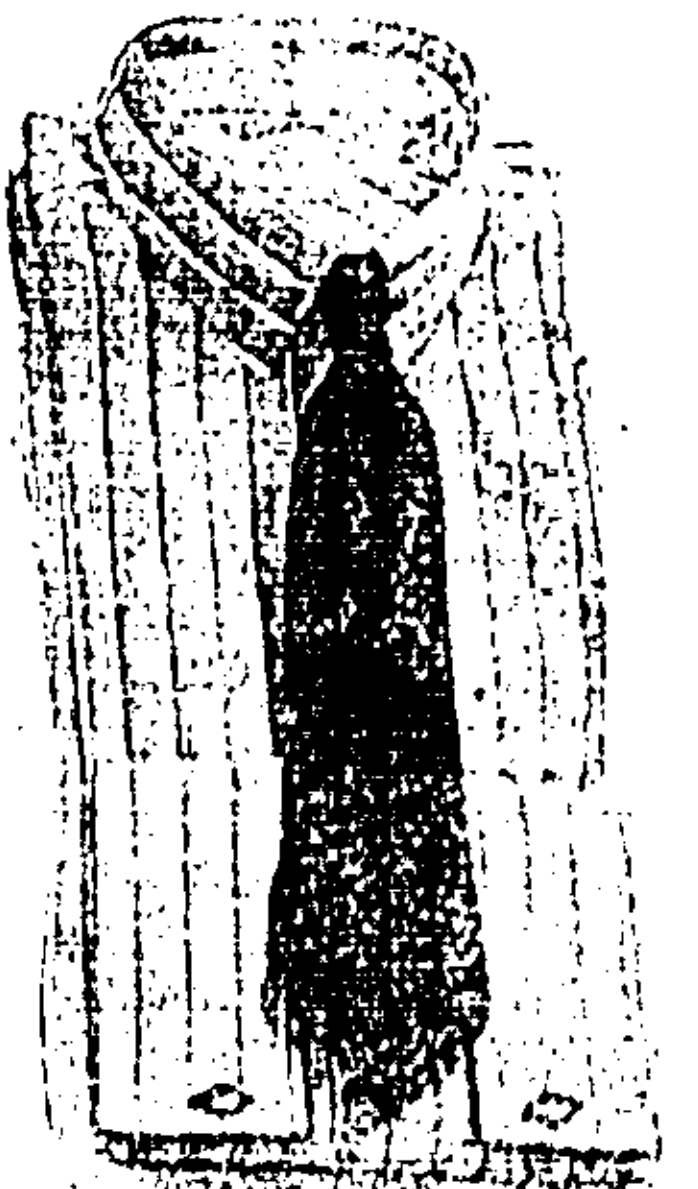
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WIFE SAYS BANK MANAGER TOLD REVEALED BETS TO HUSBAND

A DOCTOR'S wife who complained that a bank manager had told her husband that she had drawn cheques in favour of bookmakers sued Barclay's Bank, Ltd., for damages in the King's Bench Division recently.

She was Mrs. Mary Sunderland, wife of Dr. Arthur Sunderland, of Hyde Park-mansions, Marylebone, W.

Mr. F. Beney (for Mrs. Sunderland) said that on June 12, 1937, there was not enough in her account with Barclay's branch at Edgware-road, W., to pay a cheque for £2 15s. which Mrs. Sunderland drew, payable to a Miss Wilson. Without warning, the cheque was returned "refer to drawer."

ASKED FOR APOLOGY

When Mrs. Sunderland told her husband about it he drew a cheque for the amount and the matter was disposed of.

Mrs. Sunderland, feeling aggrieved, got in touch with the bank manager. Occasionally she had made bets, sometimes winning and sometimes losing. Dr. Sunderland knew that but did not know that the account was being used in a substantial way for payments to two bookmakers.

In a telephone conversation Mrs. Sunderland asked the bank manager for an apology about Miss Wilson's cheque. He refused.

Dr. Sunderland then spoke to the manager, who told him that most of the cheques drawn by Mrs. Sunderland on the account were going to a bookmaker. That was not true; only 10 out of 50 had been paid to bookmakers.

"DID NOT KNOW"

To defend his wife the doctor said he knew all about it, but, in fact, he did not, and there was considerable unhappiness for some time.

The bank maintained, in its defence, that the information was given with Mrs. Sunderland's consent and to protect her interests.

In evidence Mrs. Sunderland said her husband did not know she was betting and she was anxious that he should not have known. The cheque to Miss Wilson was for dressmaking.

She told her husband that she had had the cheque returned. Then she spoke to the bank manager, who said he could not write an apology but would write to the manager of Miss Wilson's bank so as to get her to present the cheque and have it honoured.

It was suggested that the case should be adjourned for the parties to try to come to terms. Later Mr. Wallington, K.C. (for the bank), said it was impossible.

"NEVER ADDED IT UP"

Mr. Wallington asked Mrs. Sunderland: Would it astonish you to learn that since 1935 there were 36 cheques to the two bookmakers for a total amount of over £150?—I have never added it up.

The hearing was adjourned.

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Ralph Head, shoe store clerk, is determined that his customers be satisfied. A customer tried on several pairs of shoes but said that the only ones he liked were those that Head was wearing. When the man went out of the store, he wore Head's shoes.



The two photographs above were taken at the recent Christmas play presented by the elder pupils of the Central British School—King's Studio

Man's "Grimaces" at Duchess of Norfolk

POLICE are investigating a complaint that the Duchess of Norfolk was followed round the stalls by a young man who "made grimaces at her" when she opened a hospital fair at Hove Town Hall recently.

The man, who was well dressed, several times looked at the Duchess in a strange way, and was continually close behind her.

In order to avoid embarrassing the organisers of the fair the Duchess said nothing at the time, but mentioned the matter to the Duke when she returned to Arundel Castle.

The Duke communicated with the hospital authorities. "MISTAKEN FOR DETECTIVE" Stall-holders and others noticed the young man whom they took to be connected with the official party.

A helper at the fair said: "We thought the man was perhaps a private detective or something of the kind."

"I gather the Duchess did not say anything at the time because she thought the man was in some way connected with the fair or had been employed by the organisers. He was not known."

Just An Ordinary Crash But Then This Happened

After skidding in Edgware-road, Hendon, N.W., recently a motor-car struck an island in the road.

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Petrol pouring from the burst tank caught fire and set light to gas escaping from the lamp standard.

The driver, stunned by the shock, was pulled from the car just before it burst into flames.

Men in a London Passenger Transport Board garage ran out with extinguishers, but failed to check the flames.

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The driver, Mr. J. Wells, of Palace Court, Kensington, W., was taken to hospital suffering from bruises, cuts, and shock.

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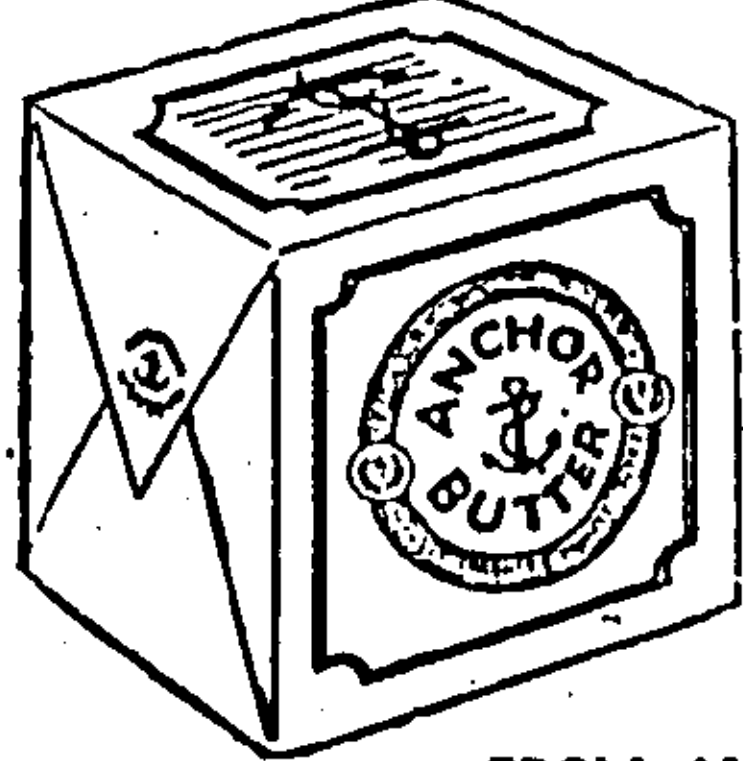
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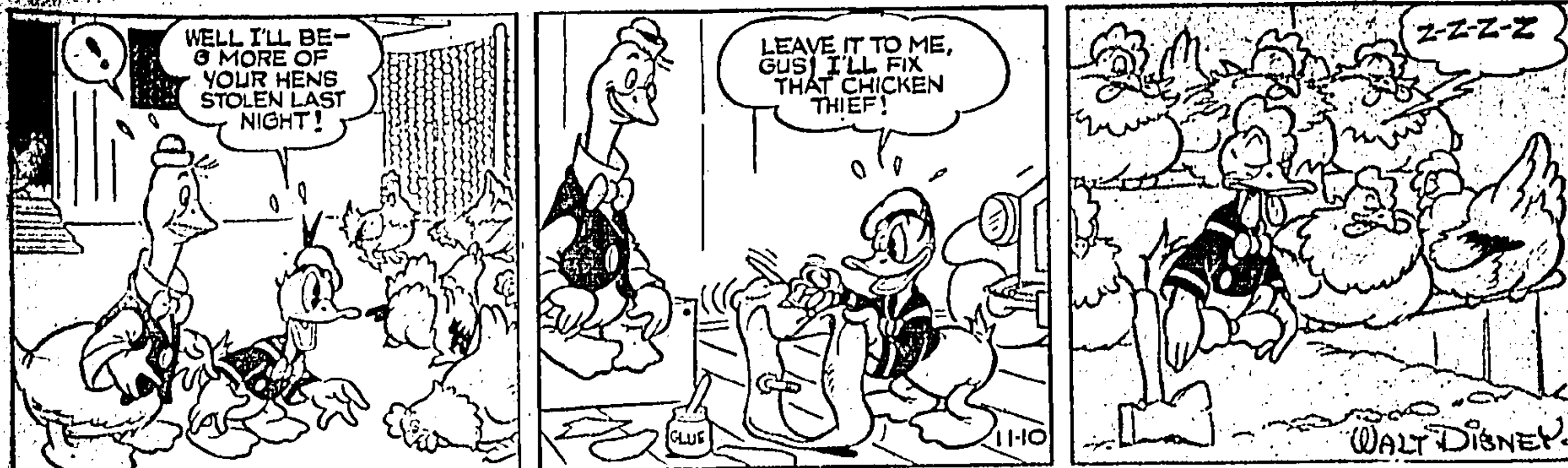
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LAWYERS SUMMONED

Judgment Reserved In A Case Against Trustees

Messrs M. H. Turner and H. J. Armstrong, Deacons, were summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday for having unlawfully permitted the first floor of No. 2, Swatow Lane, to be used as a brothel, within three months after a notice had been served upon them of the fact that the occupier of the premises had been convicted of keeping a brothel there.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the prosecution, and Inspector E. G. Post of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, who had taken out the summons, was present, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. W. A. Mackinlay of Deacons, appeared for Messrs Turner and Armstrong.

It will be recalled that the summons was the outcome of a recent prosecution by the police, when a woman was arrested and sentenced for keeping the flat as a brothel. Mr. Forrest, before whom the case was brought, remarked that action should be taken against the owners of the property, who should have a knowledge of what was going on in the premises.

In his opening yesterday, Mr. Prentiss said that the summons was taken out under Section 15 of the Protection of Women's and Girls' Ordinance of 1936, which provides that after the service of a certain notice on the owners of the premises which had been used as a brothel and which had resulted in the conviction of the tenant of the said premises, the owners were liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 unless it could be proved that the premises were not being used as a brothel.

Continuing, Mr. Prentiss said that in October of this year, a woman named Chang Lin was convicted for keeping a brothel on the first floor of No. 2, Swatow Lane. Notice of this fact was served on the defendants pursuant to a magistrate's order. Some time in December this year another woman, Lee Nioi, was also convicted for keeping a brothel on the same premises. Notice of this fact was also served on the defendants.

There were other convictions previous to these two, and notice of these were also served on Messrs Turner and Armstrong.

Previous Cases

Evidence was given by Kong Mantun, who kept records of court proceedings. He produced a record of a case that was heard on January 7, 1938, in which a Chinese female named Hoo See was convicted for having kept a brothel on the first floor of No. 2, Swatow Lane. A record was also produced of a case which was heard on April 4, 1938, when a Chinese female, Fan Sul, was convicted for keeping a brothel in No. 2, Swatow Lane, first floor. A record of a third case on June 18, 1938, when a Chinese woman, Fong Lan, was convicted for keeping a brothel in No. 2, Swatow Lane, first floor, was also produced. On October 15, a woman named Chang Li Lin was convicted of the same offence. On December 5, Lee Nioi, a woman, was also convicted of the same offence in No. 2, Swatow Lane, first floor. Witnesses said that in each case a notice was served on the owners of the house.

Pak Yut-fat, Chinese police constable No. 695, gave evidence with regard to having served a notice and a summons in the offices of Messrs Deacons.

Feng Fun, Chinese police constable No. 348, said he was formerly Court Constable. On June 3, he served a notice on Messrs Deacons with regard to a case in which a woman had been convicted for keeping a brothel in No. 2, Swatow Lane, first floor. Mr. Prentiss said that that was the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Forrest said that he was the case for the prosecution, then I think that there is no case.

Mr. Prentiss: I have only to prove the two convictions within the period of three months and the fact that notice had been served.

Mr. Sheldon: In this case the trustees are charged with unlawfully having permitted No. 2, Swatow Lane, first floor, to be used as a brothel. May I enquire on what authority has that charge been made?

Mr. Forrest replied that there must be some misunderstanding of the reading of the Section.

Mr. Sheldon said that the charge was a criminal one, and the two gentlemen concerned were taking a serious view of it. He would submit eventually that the charge was entirely at fault and should never have been brought, and asked Mr. Forrest to make a note that evidence had been brought forward by the prosecution with relation to the charge.

The trustees, he said, were charged in relation to a sub-tenancy of the premises in question. The people were not in fact, the tenants of Messrs Armstrong and Turner.

Mr. Prentiss: There is no evidence of that in Court.

Mr. Sheldon: Do you want me to prove it—I do.

Landlord Liable

Mr. Sheldon then submitted that the case was not against the actual trustees but on the immediate landlord of the premises in question. The meaning of the Ordinance in relation to the charge was a very worthy one in trying to abolish sly brothels in the Colony, said Mr. Sheldon, but Messrs Turner and Armstrong should not have been served with the summons, because they were charged with having allowed the premises to be used as a brothel, which they knew nothing about, and which the tenant was responsible for. As a result of this, both Armstrong and Turner were liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 and which he thought was "protegeous". "I ask in open court, if I may," said Mr. Sheldon, "if there is any proof that these gentlemen knowingly allowed No. 2, Swatow Lane, to be used as a brothel."

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay of Messrs Deacons then gave evidence. The premises concerned, he said, were mortgaged to the trustees of the Paul Chater Estate in 1936. Messrs M. H. Turner and H. J. Armstrong, who had received a notice and a summons in relation to a case heard in Court some time in October this year, when a woman named Chang Lin was convicted for keeping a brothel at No. 2, Swatow Lane, first floor.

Mr. Sheldon: Swatow Lane is an unsavoury neighbourhood, is it not?

Yes, sly brothels have been kept there from time to time.

Continuing, witness said that in almost every case of a prospective tenant applying for a house, he or she was interviewed personally by himself or Mr. Armstrong. In cases where an applicant wished to set up a business of some sort that needed a valid licence from the respective authorities, this would have to be produced before the application would be considered. In a case where an applicant wished to reside in the premises and was an employee of a firm, he would have to bring a letter from his employers certifying the genuineness of his application. If one had no employment or business, then a reference was necessary. Thirty per cent. of all applicants, said witness, were refused. All references were almost immediately checked, and on one occasion, one of these was discovered to have been a forgery.

There had been cases where the tenant of the premises had been convicted for having kept a brothel. The moment there was a conviction, however, an order from the magistrate was asked for, to terminate the tenancy of the party concerned.

Co-operation Offer

Witness said that reports that the premises concerned were being misused, had come to his notice, with the result that an inspection of the premises was made either by Mr. Armstrong or himself. In November, said witness, he had a conversation with Sub-Inspector McEwan of the Women and Girls Department, who said that he had come to enquire if witness's firm was prepared to co-operate with the authorities in an endeavour to find some solution to the prevailing problem of sly brothels. Witness informed Inspector McEwan that he was quite prepared to help in any way that he could, but from that day up to the present moment, he had heard nothing further from the authorities, with the exception of receiving a summons.

Mr. Prentiss in cross-examination asked witness whether the legislature provided a remedy for getting rid of tenants if they were found undesirable. Mr. Mackinlay replied that if Coimmet was right, he thought that such a provision was made in the legislature.

Mr. Sheldon: It is not Mr. Mackinlay's job to go around looking for undesirable; it's the job of the Crown.

Evidence was next given by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, who said that as far as his knowledge of the case went, he could confirm Mr.

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12.30 Georges Thill (Tenor) and Light French Programme.

Musette Et Tambourin (Rameau). Orchestre Symphonique dirigé par Francois Ruhlmann. Enlèvement (Levade); Barchetta (Hahn). Georges Thill (Tenor). Coppelia Ballet (Dance of the Automotons and Waltz-Delibes). San Francisco Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alfred Hertz. Jean-Francois et Marie-Claire (from Revue of the Folies Bergere "Folle en Fleurs"). Carmen Torres and Robert Huguet with Orchestra and Chorus of the Folies Bergere. L'Angelus De La Mer (from Revue of the Folies Bergere "Folle en Fleurs"). Damin with Orchestra and Chorus of the Folies Bergere. Sylvia Ballet-Fantasy (Delibes). Marcel Palotti (Organ). Le Lieutenant (Oscar Strauss); Le Chant Du Marin (G. Van Parys). Adrian Lamy (Vocal) with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Elgar—Enigma Variations.

Op. 36.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Old Dance Favourites.

Fox-Trots—Im Bating All My Eggs in One Basket (film). Follow the Fleet. But Where Are You (film). Follow the Fleet. Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians with vocal refrain. March Fox-Trot—We Saw The Sea (film). Follow the Fleet; Fox-Trot—If You Love Me. Ray Noble & His Orchestra with vocal refrain. Waltz—One Life, One Love; Tango—Beside My Caravan. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra with vocal refrain. Fox-Trot—Get Three Behind Me Satan (film). Follow the Fleet. Richard Himber and His Ritz-Carlton Orchestra with vocal refrain. Fox-Trot—Streamline. Fox-Trot—Your Head. Carroll Gibbons with vocal chorus. Fox-Trots—June In January (film). Here is My Heart; With Every Breath I Take (film). Here is My Heart. Richard Himber and His Ritz-Carlton Orch. with vocal refrain. Fox-Trot—An Earful Of Music (film). Kid Millions. Rudy Vallee and His Connecticut Yankees with vocal refrain by Rudy Vallee.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Lovelight in the Starlight; (b) The Yarn; (c) Basin Street Blues; (d) Swinging Low, Sweet Chariot. Record: Berceuse De Jocelyn (Godard); Melody In F (Rubinstein). Edward O'Herry playing on the Organ of Madame Tussaud's Cinema, London.

6.21 (a) My Own; (b) Song of India; (c) You're as pretty as a picture; (d) Humoresque.

6.35 Records: Whispers At The Dance (From Meyer-Helmund's Lied); Maria Mari (di Capua). Serge Krish Septet; The King Steps Out—Waltz Medley. The Key-boarders (Two Pianos and Drums).

6.44 (a) Hillbilly from 10th Avenue (b) Ti-Pi-Tin; (c) Hawaii Calls; (d) The Santa Charming.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Charlie Kunz, Sidney Castle, Three Musketeers, Harry Tate, Zarah Leander and Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.

Grasshoppers' Dance (Bucalossi).

Sydney Gustard playing on the

Organ of Gaumont Palace Cinema, Chester; Love makes women beautiful (from German film 'Homeland'); Three Stars shine in the Sky (from German film 'Homeland'). Zarah Leander (Vocal) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Butterflies (Boots).

The Three Musketeers (Vocal) and Rae Jenkins Busters; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 124; Intro. In the Chapel in the Moonlight; Did you Mother come from Ireland; Sing, Baby, Sing; When did you leave Heaven? I Dream of San Marino; When a Lady meets a Gentleman down South—Charlie Kunz (Piano) with Rhythm Accompaniment; Running an Office (Tate); Humorous Sketch by Harry Tate and Company; Muskrat Rumble—Fox-Trot; Dixieland Shuffle—Fox-Trot; Bob Crosby and His Orchestra; On the Sunny Side of the Rockies (Tobins); The Last Hanson Cobby (Wallace); The Three Musketeers (Vocal) and Rae Jenkins Busters; Caprice Viennois (Kreisler); Sydney Gustard playing on the Organ of Gaumont Palace Cinema, Chester; Longing (from German film 'To New Shores'). Zarah Leander (Vocal) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D.2; Intro: One, Two, Button your Shoe; On your toes; Goodnight my love; Harbour Lights; There's something in the air; May I have the next romance with you?—Charlie Kunz at the Piano; Big Chief De Solo—Novelty Fox-Trot; Cross Patch—Fox-Trot; Bob Crosby and His Orchestra with vocal refrain.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Recital by Molly O'Halloran (Violin) and Claire Harle (Piano).

1. Mina-Rosa—Selection (Romberg); 2. Czardas—Violin Solo (Monti); 3. On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn); 4. Lotus-Flower (Schumann); 5. Tears in my Heart (Dowell); The Sweetest Song in the World (Parr-Davies).

8.35 London Palladium Orchestra and Derek Oldham (Tenor).

I Hear You Calling Me (Marshall, arr. Haydn Wood); Bird of Love Divine (Haydn Wood); The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Creen; Always ("Puritan Lullaby"—Dyrenforth and Smith); Castles in the Air (Ross with Orch.); The Golden Valse (arr. Winter); The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Creen; Under The Lilac Bough ("Lilac Time"—Ross-Clutsum); Derek Oldham with Orchestra.

9.0 London Relay—Food for Thought.

The short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Songs by Marta Eggerth (Soprano).

A Longing Fiercely Burns Me (from German film 'Always, When I am happy'); Vienna, Where The Waltz Was Born (from German film 'Always, When I am happy') with Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Schumann—Fantasia In C Major, Op. 17.

Played by Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

10.20 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Overture "Portsmouth Point" (Walton); The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult; The Admiral's Broom (Bevan); He Heard The Great Sea Calling (Andrews); Devon, O Devon ("Songs of the sea"—Storford); Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Male Chorus in last song; Crown Imperial (A Coronation March—1937—Walton); The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult with Berkeley Mason (Organ).

10.45 London Relay—The B.B.C. Overseas Service.

A talk by the Director of Overseas Service.

11.0 Close down.

Mackinlay's evidence, and said that he would like to elaborate the interview that had taken place between himself, Mr. Mackinlay and Sub-Inspector McEwan some time in November.

Insp. McEwan, he thought, had called on himself and Mr. Mackinlay with the express view to find out if something could be done to clear up the appalling conditions existing in the area in question. He had gone so far as to tell Inspector McEwan that if the authorities desired, he would turn every tenant out into the street, but the Inspector had agreed that this would be to no avail. He had told the Inspector to make any suggestion that he thought fit to curb the evil, but none was forthcoming. Witness said that he himself had visited the premises in question, but

had not seen any evidence of a sly brothel being run. The tenant of the first floor was a man named Chu Chang, "I suggest," said witness, "that this is the obvious way of remedying this evil."

After a brief cross-examination by Mr. Prentiss the case was concluded, and Mr. Forrest reserved judgment until January 6.

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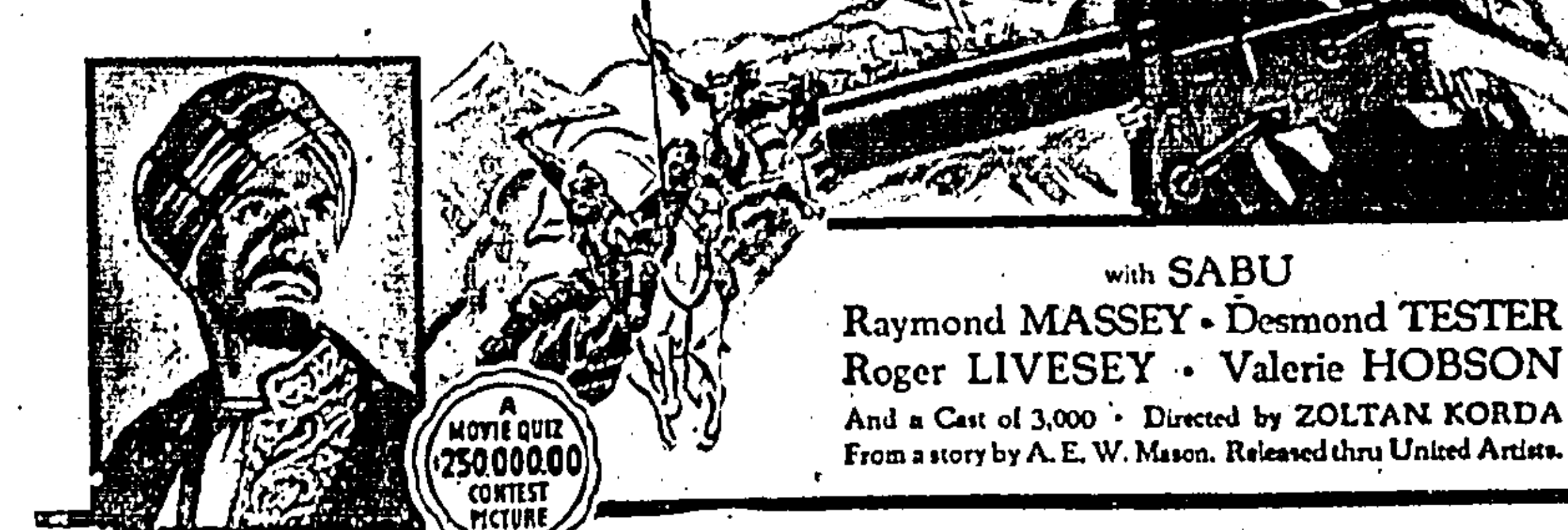
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The Sword and the Pen

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In the same message the German agency quotes Cyprian resentment at a "press gag," a particularly unfortunate reference in view of the well-known lack of freedom enjoyed by the German Press.

If German propaganda were limited to such examples of fictitious comment, or to home consumption by Germans, we could shrug our shoulders at the repeated calumnies disseminated by Berlin newspapers and through broadcasting stations of the Reich.

Propaganda, however, has become a real war—a war of words. And the pen is proving mightier than the sword.

German propaganda is aimed at other nations, at other peoples. Through powerful short-wave broadcasting stations, a German Voice fans the flames of hatred, criticises with calumnies, suggests by innuendo that the way to peace is by violence, that democracy offers the vices and not the virtues of civilisation, that the path to "freedom" is through totalitarianism.

Germany places so much faith in its insidious propaganda of the spoken and written word that it ranks its Minister of Propaganda third only to Hitler as its Most Important Personage.

Goebbels has served his Leader well. He has gone to the racketeers of America for his greatest discovery—the power of the whispered word. There is no defence against the sharp knife in the back provided by a "whispering campaign," unless one descends, too, to the methods of the racketeers.



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A Million a Day Goes up in Smoke

BY DOUGLAS JAY

BRITAIN has spent £700,000,000 on armaments in the last three years. Yet when the crisis came in September, London, by the admission of Ministers themselves, was practically defenceless against air attack. This year we have been spending £1,000,000 a day on defence. Yet we are told that Britain is still too weak in the air to take any diplomatic action which might offend the dictators.

Why is it that we are not getting value for our money? Why is it, again, that the armament firms publish ever higher and higher profit figures while the Government tells us that costs and profits are being rigidly scrutinised?

Until the public is given a sincere answer to these questions, it will have very little confidence in any administration which may be installed in Downing Street.

In ordinary peace-time, when the security of the country is not threatened, the Defence Departments place orders with a small group of approved firms; and prices and costs are scrutinised by Government auditors and Treasury officials.

The firms are all working below capacity. Prices of materials are at low or normal levels. Deliveries are consequently punctual and profits are small.

Then comes a sudden international emergency in which the State suddenly requires a hugely increased supply of certain materials at the earliest moment and without fail. In 1915 it was mainly shells.

To-day it is mainly aeroplanes, anti-aircraft guns, and anti-aircraft munitions.

If the Defence Departments simply respond to this situation, as traditionally they always do, merely by placing bigger and bigger contracts with the existing firms, these firms simply force up prices of materials by bidding against one another and against ordinary business buyers; profits all along the line become enormous; and deliveries fall hopelessly behind schedule.

All the time the Government auditors are working conscientiously to check costs; and the manufacturers mostly honestly be-

lieve that they are not "profiteering." They are after all merely selling at market prices.

But in fact the ordinary system of uncontrolled prices and markets has entirely failed to meet the emergency.

The Government's defence needs may require, say, 80 per cent. of the supply of a certain essential armament metal. Yet if the individual arms firms bid for it against all other buyers in the market the price may be doubled or trebled.

Huge profits will then be made by the producer of that metal at the expense of the State.

Yet if the State had power to acquire the whole supply at a fixed price representing a fair profit, and to supply it to the arms firms at that price, huge savings in money, time and efficiency would be made all along the line from the importer or producer to the final manufacturer.

That is the crux of the whole matter. It was this vital lesson, learnt in the last war, which led to thorough-going control of munition materials, foodstuffs, and shipping.

In the case of shipping, for instance, in the two years 1915 and

1916, before control of profits was introduced, a company with a capital of £180,000 earned a net profit of £350,937, or 92 per cent. a year.

The company could then have sold out at £700,000, realising a total profit of £870,937, or 225 per cent. per year!

This is what happens if the State tries to use the ordinary mechanism of uncontrolled supply and prices to get hold of emergency material at a critical period.

That is why Labour urges the establishment of a Ministry of Supply, which would undertake the organisation of supply for all the fighting services, and would have in the background the necessary powers to control prices and stocks.

The present problem is of course not of the same magnitude as that of 1915. But it is the same in principle.

The other two essentials that we require are the erection of Government factories, particularly in the aircraft industry, and much higher taxation (or direct limitation) of profits.

In 1915-18 the 218 Government munition factories eventually built were found essential both in expanding output and in establishing a real test of manufacturers' costs. Enormous reduction in costs followed from the building of these factories.

But now, as then, the various "ring" firms are fighting the plan for national factories.

With these three essentials: (1) Ministry of Supply; (2) Government factories; and (3) Higher taxation of profits—we could mobilise our huge resources effectively, get full value for money, and at the same time maintain and extend our expenditure on social services.

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If we ourselves still have the will to preserve our essential liberties, we can organise our resources in their defence; and we can do it by the elimination of our social services or our personal freedom, but of inefficiency, of profiteering and of waste.

To-day's Thought—
WHEREFORE do ye spend money for that which is hot bread?
—Old Testament.

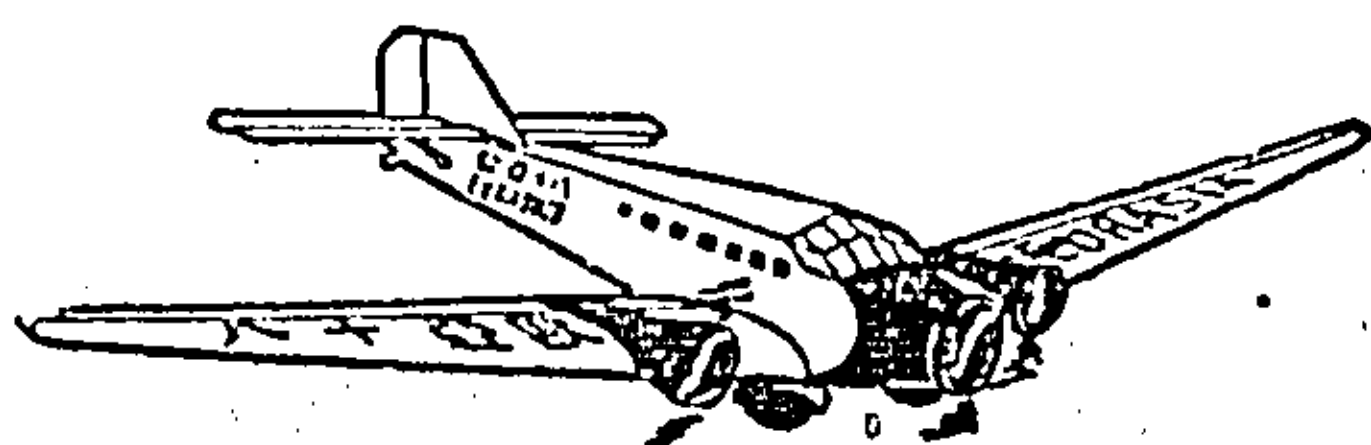
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Play-Boys Will Be Work-Boys Soon

BERLIN'S West End playboys, at present spending their mornings in bed and their nights in night clubs, will shortly be put to work by the Nazi State in factories, labour camps and farms.

A conference of Nazi police, labour exchange and welfare organisation officials is now meeting under Berlin's chief of police, Count Helldorf, to discuss methods of putting them to work.

Decrees giving officials the necessary powers will be issued shortly. Under the decrees will fall, it is reported, Germans employed at part-time jobs and those who—according to the Nazi newspaper Angriff—"do nothing else except dig a little garden plot, although they are mentally and bodily fit."

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"—and I defy any capitalist in the crowd to defy me!"

REFUGEE COUNCIL

Progress Reported In All Districts

Progress of the welfare work undertaken by the Emergency Refugee Council in Hongkong and Kwangtung was reported at a meeting of the Council yesterday. Bishop R. O. Hall was in the chair, and others present included Mr. H. Vallois, President, Rev. T. Ryan, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, Lady Pollock, Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Rev. Lee Kiu-yun, Miss Katie Woo, Dr. Eva Ho Tung, Miss Shing Tai-hing, Mrs. R. Langley, J. M. Wong, Lau King-tai, Dr. C. Y. Wu, and Miss E. S. Atkins.

Bishop Hall reported that three sub-committees had been formed from the Executive Committee. One was a Finance Committee, the second was a Hongkong Committee dealing with the Colony and the immediate border, and the third was a South China Committee dealing with people outside British territory and the means whereby the Council could help them.

The number of refugees in the various camps, said Bishop Hall, was approximately 900 at North Point, 200 at Ma Tau Chung, 1,200 at Kowloon Park, 2,700 at Kowloon, and 1,500 at Fanling. In February the Council would also be responsible for feeding the refugees in Kowloon camp. Food kitchens had also been established in Yuenai, and approximately 1,000 persons were being fed there daily.

In co-operation with the Chinese guilds, the Council has also been responsible for feeding several thousands more refugees outside the camp. In the New Territories, steps had been taken to re-open the refugee centre at Shum Chun, which had now been taken over by the Tung Wah Hospital and Associated guilds.

"The Committee wishes to pay tribute to the work of the Wai Yung Guild for the past month," said Bishop Hall, "and to congratulate them on the successful establishment of a refugee centre on the Chinese half of Shum Chun. The Committee have appointed an organizer of education for the Hongkong camps and are pressing forward the whole educational work in the camps. Industrial work has also been begun."

Financial Report

Reporting on the money voted for relief work since the last Council meeting, Bishop Hall said \$20,000 (National currency) had been sent to Dr. Wan Man at Shui-kwan for food and nursing, \$1,000 (Hongkong) per month for six months to Rev. Wittenbach at Chungshan, \$10,000 (National currency) to Bishop Vallois for the Waichow district.

Much discussion then took place regarding the same spent in Canton and other occupied areas of China. Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke said she felt that more should be spent in the unoccupied areas rather than in the occupied areas, but Bishop Hall said that the Council had received a sum of \$200,000 from the Chinese Government and banks with a request that the money be used in assisting the people remaining in Canton, who were mainly of the poorer classes and had been unable to flee.

After various views had been expressed, Dr. Montgomery moved that in the question of policy the Council agree that in the future more help be given to problems in China rather than in Japanese occupied territory, but that help may in special cases be given to refugees in the occupied territory, and that specific means be taken to investigate their areas and means to help them.

This motion was carried. The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Cathedral Hall on January 26, at 6 p.m.

Fancy Dress Party

Gay Function in Aid Of Refugees

A delightful fancy dress party for children was held in the West Lounge of the European Young Men's Christian Association, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to destitute refugee children in the Colony.

The highlight of the afternoon was a version of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" presented by Miss Jean Greig (who made such a hit in "Ruddigore" as Mad Margaret), and the ship's company of H.M.S. Eagle. The children thoroughly enjoyed the selection of Mickey Mouse cartoons which were screened. The lounge being turned into a temporary cinema for the occasion. There were also a number of side-shows, including lucky dips, fish ponds and so on. The antics of the clowns added to the fun of the party.

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

Three weddings took place before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, at the Registry yesterday.

Mr. Erich Burnmeister, merchant, married Miss Maria Stoller, secretary, who has been staying at the Republic Bay Hotel. The witnesses were Messrs. K. Schaefer and Paul Dietrich.

Mr. Ng Chuck-man, student, married Miss Lee Sau-yin, of 11 Starford Road, Kowloon. The witnesses were Messrs. Ng Siu-hing and Lee Long-yu.

Mr. Albert Chan, merchant, married Miss Lucille Chung, who has been residing at the Kowloon Hotel. The witnesses were Messrs. Percy Larkun and G. Lay.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations Received By St. John Ambulance

The Director of Ambulance acknowledges receipt of the following donations and gifts:

The British Fund For the Relief of Distress in China	\$10,000
Mr. Cheng Wong Siu Chuen (Per Mr. Dick Lee)	100
(Both the above for relief work)	
Miss Ho Yee-lan and Miss Cheung Yuen-mei	\$457.74
The Victoria Preceptory No. 78	100.00
Mr. W. M. C. Woodfield (Shanghai)	50.00
Mr. Li To-ming (per Mr. Li Pak-wa, Fanling)	50.00
Tung Mun Villages (per Miss Hui Shun-chun)	31.60
Mr. D. Drummond	25.00
The Sincere Co., Ltd. (per Mr. Choy Hing)	25.00
Mr. Lye Tin-pui (per Mr. Li Pak-wa) Fanling	20.00
Lydia	10.00
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The Sincere Life Assurance Co. per Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
Huiming On Insurance Co., Ltd. per Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
The Wing Sang Co., per Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
The Sincere Co. and Invest Co., per Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
The National Commercial Savings Bank per Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
Mr. Choy Hing	10.00
Mr. Henry L. Ma (per Mr. Choy Hing)	5.00
Mr. A. Whitaker	3.00
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Mrs. H. W. Fraser (per S. C. M. Post)	3.00
Dr. Lee Hoi, medicines	
The H.K. Branch of the National Women's Relief Association, 60 suits under wear	
The H.K. Chinese Women's Club, babies' and mothers' clothing (27 pieces)	
Anonymous, medical supplies and wound powder	
Mrs. S. Wong, pyjamas	
Mrs. Shing of Shanghai (per Dr. Ma Luk) 2½ doz. bottles quinine tablets	
Mrs. Kwan (per Dr. Ma Luk) bandages	
Mr. Chan, Cecil Hotel (per Dr. Ma Luk) 60 pps. of shoes	
Dr. C. Y. Wu, rubber shoes	
Mrs. Sit Ngok (per Madam Fung) 50 suits of pyjamas	

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. December 30; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 3.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.; Eurasia and C.N.A.C. services indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam: Pan American Philippine Clipper 8.30 a.m. Jan. 2.

For France via Hanoi: Air France, 6.30 a.m. December 31.

Inward

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 2 p.m. Dec. 30; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 1; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 4.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American Philippine Clipper 12.30 p.m. Jan. 1.

From France, via Hanoi: Air France 12.30 p.m. December Jan. 5.

DOCUMENTS LOST

Suspension Announced Of Japanese Officers

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

The War Office announced to-night that Major-Gen. Ryoki Machijiri, Col. Yotsu-ubo, and Major Rokichi Chooji had been suspended from office in connection with the loss of important documents in the field.

Explaining the reason for the punishment, the communiqué says that the steps have been taken in view of the urgent necessity of maintaining in the strictest manner the military discipline in the army.

The three officials have been ordered to be suspended to take the responsibility for the affair as the officials in charge. The incident occurred on December 7.

Major-Gen. Machijiri was formerly the Director of the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Office.—Domei.

TIENTSIN TENSION

Foreign Soldiers Held By Japanese

Tientsin, Dec. 29.

Adding to the tense atmosphere precipitated by the emergency policing measures of the Japanese forces against the borders of the foreign Concessions here, three British and American soldiers have been detained by the Japanese authorities in connection with alleged acts of violence against Japanese troops.

The Japanese authorities made representations to the foreign authorities concerned regarding the matter to-day, but no settlement of the incident was reached to-day.—Domei.

ARMED HOLD-UP

Two Men and Woman to Be Tried at Sessions

Committal proceedings against two men and a woman on charges in connection with an armed highway robbery at Ding Dong Rock, Kowloon City, were brought before Mr. E. H. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday, and all three were committed to the Sessions.

Accused were Yuen Chun, 23, unemployed, 30-year-old married woman, and Chan Chu, 30-year-old married woman. The first two were charged with having robbed Tam Man-lung and his wife, Chan Wal-fong, of \$65.30 in money and a quantity of valuables to the total of \$247.30. The woman was charged with receiving part of the stolen property, while the first prisoner was additionally charged with unlawful possession of a dagger.

Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey said that on December 12 complainant, his wife and two children went to the Hau Wong Temple, Kowloon City, and after they had worshipped there, proceeded up the hill-side to the Ding Dong Rock. As soon as they had gone underneath the rock, they were held-up and robbed by two Chinese, one of whom was armed with a revolver and the other with a dagger.

Following a report to the police, a description of the articles stolen was circulated to pawnshops. The next morning, the third accused went to the Kowloon City Police Station, Wan Road to return two gold rings which were identified as part of the stolen property. She was arrested, and took the police to an unnumbered hut in Lung Chai Chang village, not far from the scene of the crime, where first accused was found on a bed and underneath it were discovered a dagger and a revolver. Yuen was wearing some of the stolen articles, and later he admitted having taken part in the robbery.

On December 13, second accused was arrested on information in Wan-chai, and said he was compelled by Yuen to take part in the robbery. The woman, when charged, said she was given the articles by Yuen.

SHANGHAI 'VARSITY

No Return to America Yet, Say Japanese

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

A Japanese spokesman indicated to-day that the Japanese authorities would not return the Shanghai University to the American owners so long as hostilities lasted, as in the vicinity where it is situated, the campus grounds had been converted into a Japanese military zone which would be enlarged in the future for Japanese military facilities.

The spokesman indicated that the missionaries would be allowed to remove all equipment, but they would not be allowed to take away the grounds owing to the zone which was even closed to Japanese civilians.

The Japanese authorities have suggested that the Americans move the school elsewhere and have promised every co-operation.—United Press.

Reuter adds that the refusal amounts to a flat rejection on one of the specific demands to Japan in the American note. The spokesman added that owing to the strategic value of the locality, it might be impossible to return the University even after the hostilities ended.

BIG CHRISTMAS MAIL

Millions of Letters Sent During Last Week

London, Dec. 29.

The Post Office states that 75,500,000 letters were posted during Christmas week, while between December 18 and 23 the number of parcels posted daily amounted to 900,000. Despite the heavier mails and difficulties due to snow and cold weather, the Post Office was able to deliver all the letters on time.

Among the letters was a large number addressed to Santa Claus. These, as usual, were opened by sorters and presents sent to the most deserving cases from a fund which the sorters collected.—Reuter Bulletin.

HEALTH BULLETIN

One case each of Cholera (from the New Territories), Small-pox and Meningitis, two cases of Diphtheria, and four cases of Puertal Fever, were reported to the Health authorities on Wednesday. The local Cholera cases to date total 547.

For the week ended last Saturday, the following notifiable diseases were reported:—12 cases of Small-pox with eight deaths (one imported), 11 cases of Diphtheria with two deaths, three cases of Typhoid, 11 cases of Measles with three deaths, four cases of Chicken-pox, eight cases of Meningitis with one death, 18 cases of Dysentery with seven deaths, five cases of Puertal Fever. There were also 110 deaths from Tuberculosis.

Hawk Killed With Arrow

Oroville, Cal.

This city has a veritable William Tell on its police force. He is Carl Rabe who has brought down with bow and arrow a hawk at a distance of 45 yards and 20 yards in the air.

DISHONEST EMPLOYEE

Good Job Sacrificed Through Theft

Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed on Au Cheung, 32, butcher employed by the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company, when he admitted the theft of a pound of pork valued 60 cents, before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday.

Mr. Gover, of the Dairy Farm Company, said defendant had only been employed for ten days, at \$15 a month. His board and lodging were free and he had no reason to steal. He was caught as he was leaving the back door of the butchery, the pork in his jacket pocket. The actual loss was \$16, because he had cut the pork from a larger piece valued at \$18, and which was no longer valued at that price.

Detective Sergeant Walls prosecuted.

Raid on Backyards

Sentence of three weeks' hard labour was imposed on Ku Hing, 20, unemployed, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, on two counts of theft of a tablecloth and a pair of cotton trousers from Nos. 1 and 2 Eastern Terrace, Bay View.

The articles were stolen from the backyards, and Ku was arrested on Wednesday in Causeway Road with the property in his possession.

Crown-Sergeant H. A. McKay said Ku had three previous convictions. The defendant was also recommended for banishment.

Took a Chicken

Alleged to have stolen a chicken from outside No. 25 Cross Street, Wanchai, on Wednesday, So Nam, 27, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Forrest, and denied the theft, saying the chicken flew up to him from the ground.

Wong Tai, a girl, said she saw So take the chicken out of its crate and hide it underneath his long coat.

So was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour. Lance-Sergeant T. Cushman prosecuted.

Banisher Steals

Charged with the theft of two wooden shutters from No. 144 Belcher Street, West Point, on Tuesday, and with returning from 10 years' banishment, Ho Fong, 38, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Forrest and was sentenced to two months' and three months' hard labour on the respective charges. He had been sent away on December 9.

MISSING MAN BACK

Palestine Bank Manager Returns Home

Jerusalem, Dec. 29.

Louis Lebouvier, British bank manager, who has been missing since December 27 and was thought to have been kidnapped, returned to Jericho to-day.

No details are available regarding his release, but he telephoned at Jerusalem office stating that he was in Jericho among the military units and unharmed.—Reuter Bulletin.

Arab Sentenced

Jerusalem, Dec. 29.

An Arab from Beirut was sentenced to death by the Haila military court for being in possession of a revolver and ammunition.

Arab irregulars raided Lydda railway station, gagged the officials and robbed the safe. They escaped and remained unidentified.

A Jew was found seriously wounded by shots near Banco di Roma in Jerusalem.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE GAOLED

Dangerous Explosive In a Tin

Found in possession of a tin containing five pounds of a mixture of sulphur and potassium chlorate, stated to be a dangerous explosive, at Victoria Road on Tuesday, a stone-breaker, Li Sze, 37, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday.

Police Constable McDermott said that when he stopped Li, the man claimed that he was only carrying a bucket of water. The powder proved to be an explosive liable to go off on impact.

Remarking that he was endangering the lives of other people, his Worship sentenced defendant to three months' hard labour.

MUNICH 'BIG FOUR'

May Meet Again In January

Berlin, Dec. 29.

It is learned that Nazi political quarters have discussed the possibility of the Munich 'Big Four' re-meeting in January to seek a settlement of outstanding problems, including the Italo-French problem. This is unconfirmable, however.

At the same time, it is reported that Herr von Ribbentrop will shortly confer with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.—United Press.

Mrs. Jewel Box Registers

Ashland, Ore.

The register of visitors of the Chamber of Commerce shows a few odd names. One is Harry G. Wisker of California and another is Mrs. Jewel Box.

EMPIRE NEWS

IRON EXPORT BAN IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney.

The Federal Minister for the Interior, Mr. McEwen, replying to protests made by members from Western Australia against the embargo on exports of iron ore, said that recent investigations of Australia's major deposits of iron ore had resulted in drastic reductions in the estimates of their content.

The latest estimate of the iron ore on Koolan Island, Yampi Sound, the lease of which had been held by Braserets Ltd. of London in conjunction with a Japanese syndicate, was 40,000,000 tons.

There were other deposits in Western Australia in the Weld Range, which were estimated at 25,500,000 tons, but they were 305 miles from the nearest port and could not be economically exploited. If the further investigations now being carried out indicated that Australia had more deposits than she would require for her future needs, the present embargo would be lifted.

New Guinea Not for Germany.—Australia has no intention of handing back New Guinea to Germany, said Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Prime Minister. Mr. Lyons added that no suggestion had been made to him by Mr. Chamberlain that New Guinea should be given back to Germany.

New Zealand

PACIFIC SHIPPING COMPETITION

Auckland.

Reports published some time ago that the American Mail Line was to put new and larger vessels on its service to New Zealand and Australia are now denied by the line.

The present ships of the Matson Line, the Mariposa and Monterey, both of 18,017 tons, are the fastest liners on the America-Australasia route. They were built and are operated largely by United States Government subsidy.

The proposal to build two larger and faster liners for the Canadian Pacific Company's Australian service, with the help of Government loans, has been held up owing to the prohibitive cost of ship-building at present.

India

DEFENCE COMMITTEE ON FRONTIER

Calcutta.

The members of the Expert Committee on Indian Defence, headed by the Chairman, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, are visiting the North-West Frontier this week-end.

Among the problems on which the committee is taking evidence are the mechanisation of the army, the future of the Indian Navy, the financing of the defence services and internal security.

British Guiana

UPLANDS CAPABLE OF SETTLEMENT

Georgetown.

Mr. Thomas Pain, curator of the Chelmsford and Essex Museum, arriving here upon his return from an expedition to the heart of the Guiana jungle, said he was glad to hear of the proposal to settle Jewish refugees in Guiana.

He added that the land was capable of supporting a large population. The collection of molluscs he had obtained proved the soil was rich in calcium. The Indians were growing cabbages, tomatoes, onions and other English vegetables. They had their own cane fields and a sugar mill.

Mr. Pain's meteorological records show a maximum day temperature of an elevation of 2,000 feet of 90 degrees Fahrenheit and a minimum night temperature of 65 degrees.

Film Studios To Be Merged

Negotiations now proceeding are expected to bring under a single control the film studios at Denham, Middlesex, and Pinewood, Iver, Bucks.

Mr. Alexander Korda, chairman and managing director of London Film Productions, who own the Denham Studios, and Mr. J. Arthur Rank and Capt. Richard Norton, of Pinewood Studios Ltd., explained, in a joint statement that the merger would "achieve greater rationalisation and efficiency in the production of films."

"The aim," Mr. Korda said, "is to create a new studio-operating company which will reduce overhead charges, increase efficiency, and thereby benefit both the studios and the producers making films there."

HEAVY PROGRAMME
We have a very heavy programme ahead of us at London Films. I shall now be able to give my full attention to it instead of devoting half my time to the studios.
The composition of the new board has not yet been announced.
"A Yank at Oxford," "Victoria the Great," "The Drum," and "The Citadel" are among the films made at Denham during the last year.
"The Mikado" and "Pygmalion" have been made at Pinewood.



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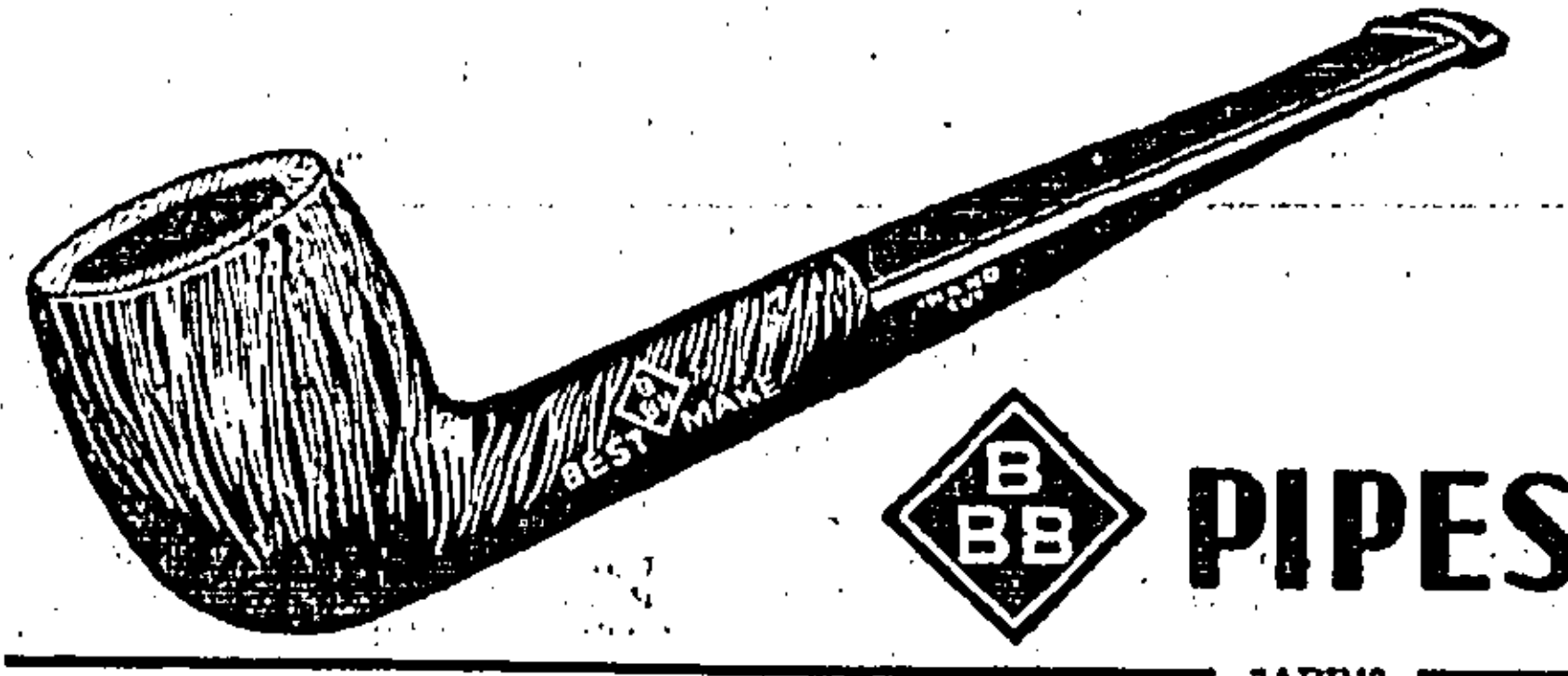
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INNOVATIONS APPRECIATED BY PUNTERS

BEST FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE JOCKEY CLUB

The racing year just concluded was undoubtedly the best financial racing season of the Hongkong Jockey Club. A most interesting feature of the year under review was the colossal sale of 332,190 dollar cash sweep tickets in the Hongkong Derby run in Spring, and the first prize, valued \$141,380.05, was won by a syndicate of amahs, the ticket being divided into ten parts of ten cents a share. This phenomenal luck was followed up by another company of Chinese female servants in the Kwangtung Handicap run on October 22, when the sale of tickets amounted to 209,030 chances and the syndicate received \$88,963.18.

It may be safely said that racing was excellent during the whole season and a vote of thanks is due to the Stewards and Officials for discharging their duties to the entire satisfaction of the public. The introduction of the index number of a pony's last run in the programme during the second half was much appreciated by the punters and there was also embodied the state of the going in the results of every meeting. While on the subject I wonder whether it can be arranged to incorporate either the pedigree of an Australian pony in the list of entries or state whether the pony is a gelding or a mare. The latter is preferable, for some punters have a prejudice against the female sex.

C. ENCARNACAO HEADS LIST OF SUCCESSFUL JOCKEYS DURING YEAR

The permanent residence in Hongkong of several crack northern jockeys, such as Messrs. C. Encarnacao, H. J. Hearne, V. V. Needa, A. W. Raymond, L. Wade, Peter Wei and a few others was a windfall to all the owners in general and their presence was in a certain measure responsible for the influx of large crowds at the extra meetings.

Space is too limited to publish a complete list of all jockeys who rode at Happy Valley and Arelia Preta during the year, but statistics which I have compiled show that 62 members had the pleasure of being led in to the unsaddling enclosure outside the weighing room. Congratulations are extended to Mr. C. Encarnacao who heads the list (as enumerated below) with 25 wins, 19 seconds and 17 thirds followed by Mr. A. Raymond with a ratio of 24-17-12. Mr. "Vic" Needa is third with 21-14-14 and Mr. Proulx comes next with 19-10-15. Mr. R. B. Moller was a great success, ending the season with six classic wins. His first successful mount was on Silkylight, in the Maiden Stakes and the next was on Desert Star belonging to Mr. C. N. Kong in the Valley Stakes. Then followed the much coveted Hongkong Derby on Silkylight. Another feather was added to "Boojie's" cap when he piloted the brown stallion of his father's to victory in the Champion Stakes, beating the invincible Liberty Bell, owned by Mr. L. Dunbar. His last two successes after the resumption of second half were on the same pony in the Hongkong St. Leger and Autumn Champions. The following is a list of the successful jockeys:

	wins	2nds	3rds
C. Encarnacao	25	19	17
A. W. Raymond	24	17	12
V. V. Needa	21	14	14
B. A. Proulx	19	10	15
H. C. Pih	17	17	18
S. C. Liang	13	10	15
D. Black	13	7	10
P. Y. T. Wei	11	4	8
L. B. Chao	10	11	6
B. L. Tso	9	19	15
S. W. Tang	8	14	7
H. Maitland	7	10	3
S. L. Yuen	7	8	4
C. L. Gregory	6	4	10
R. B. Moller	6	1	1
H. P. Chanson	5	4	5
Ip Kul-ying	5	4	4
J. Polo-Hunt	5	2	4
L. Wade	4	6	3
H. J. Hearne	4	5	3
K. I. Ip	4	3	0
F. Marshall	3	7	5
A. F. D. Colson	3	3	1
K. S. Shu	3	2	2
C. F. Chiu	3	2	1
L. J. Feilden	3	1	2
W. G. Poy	2	5	14
G. W. Cooper	2	5	4
F. F. Li	2	5	2
P. L. Jul	2	2	1
H. Hoang-ping	2	1	1
G. Trevorton	2	1	2
Y. T. Fung	1	6	3
W. N. Yeh	1	3	1
A. Noelt	1	2	8
S. W. Pan	1	1	1
Yeung Wing-kwai	1	1	2
L. P. Ralph	1	1	1
D. R. A. Spreckley	1	1	1
T. M. Wood	1	1	1
Yeung Wing-sing	1	1	1
H. A. de Botelho	1	1	1
W. H. S. Davis	1	1	1

Fields Were Quite Up To The Mark Only One Entry In American Club Cup

There were 21 actual days of racing and it is interesting to recall that 107 events were contested during the year, but statistics which I have compiled show that 62 members had the pleasure of being led in to the unsaddling enclosure outside the weighing room. Congratulations are extended to Mr. C. Encarnacao who heads the list (as enumerated below) with 25 wins, 19 seconds and 17 thirds followed by Mr. A. Raymond with a ratio of 24-17-12. Mr. "Vic" Needa is third with 21-14-14 and Mr. Proulx comes next with 19-10-15. Mr. R. B. Moller was a great success, ending the season with six classic wins. His first successful mount was on Silkylight, in the Maiden Stakes and the next was on Desert Star belonging to Mr. C. N. Kong in the Valley Stakes. Then followed the much coveted Hongkong Derby on Silkylight. Another feather was added to "Boojie's" cap when he piloted the brown stallion of his father's to victory in the Champion Stakes, beating the invincible Liberty Bell, owned by Mr. L. Dunbar. His last two successes after the resumption of second half were on the same pony in the Hongkong St. Leger and Autumn Champions. The following is a list of the successful jockeys:

Dead Heat	2
Short Head	10
A Head	13
A Neck	10
Half-a-length	14
Three-quarters of a length	5
A Length	21
1 1/4 Lengths	40
Two Lengths	31
2 1/4 Lengths	5
Three Lengths	14
Four Lengths	8
Five Lengths	3
Six Lengths	3
Many Lengths	8

It will be seen from the above that 124 races, representing 63.26 per cent, were won by one and a half lengths and under, and the balance, 72 events (36.74%), were from two lengths upwards. The beating of one and a half lengths was common, for there were 40 such decisions.

W. Coltham	2	1	1
T. W. Chantley	1	1	1
A. F. Ingram	1	1	1
A. H. R. Dutcher	1	1	1
H. K. Browning	1	1	1
A. D. Coppin	1	1	1
H. Gruney	1	1	1
P. Randolph	1	1	1
J. F. van Reede	1	1	1
G. R. Payne	1	1	1
K. G. Wouh	1	1	1
R. L. Boody	1	1	1
P. P. Poteltho	1	1	1
Chiu Ki-fan	1	1	1
G. P. Ferguson	1	1	1
Hoo Puk-ming	1	1	1
P. L. Jul	1	1	1
F. Olsen	1	1	1
S. N. Pan	1	1	1

Among the novices Mr. G. Trevorton (private secretary to His Excellency the Governor) broke his duck on his own Australian cob, Brutus and so did Mr. Ho Hong-ping on his China pony, Flybynight. Mr. S. L. Yuen graduated at the Annual Carnival on Roy in the Jockey Cup. Mr. P. L. Jul from Shanghai came out of the apprentice class in Macao.



Leonardo Gavia (left) and Amado Sanchez, the two top-ranking Filipino tennis stars, were seen in an exhibition at the Kowloon C.C. yesterday. Probably not accustomed to playing on grass, the visitors were unable to produce their best form. They are going to Saigon to participate in the Far East championships, to be held from January 7 to 14.—Photo by A. A. Kahn.

Three Records Broken By Australian Ponies

Mr. Clerk of the Weather was very kind to the racing public and this of course offered many opportunities for our Australian ponies to show their legs. Three new track records were broken during the season and it can be said, without any fear, that the Australian ponies always provided the best events of our programmes.

Mrs. J. H. Taggart's Lancashire Chips, carrying weight for inches as per scale with Mr. Proulx in the saddle, was in great form to annex the Crowned Brit Handicap over a short distance from the 1 1/4 mile post in 59.3/5 seconds, reducing Derby Day's figure of 1.00.2/5 by four-fifths of a second.

Before the close of the half, Court- ing Eve, ridden by Mr. H. C. Pih with a load of 165 lbs., just managed to reach home first in the Bonds Handicap over six furlongs beating the low weighter Lancashire Chips (145 lbs.) and at the same time lowered the latter's track record of 1.16.2 by a fifth of a second.

At the Easter session Strathroy, shouldering the top weight of 165 lbs. with his usual pilot Mr. Donald Black, was in fine fettle to win the Albany Handicap over a mile, beating Court- ing Eve in record time, three-fifths of a second faster than that established by Saucy Face on April 22, 1935. It was an old record of about three years.

BELOW STANDARD Much was expected of this year's subscription griffins, but the consignment which came from Queensland was far below the average. With the exception of Lucky Lad, all others were no match for the old ponies in the handicap events and the majority of them found their way among the "Also Runs." Among the batch of 41 sub-griffins, a few were discarded long before the closing of entries and although nominated for minor contests, Black Tim, Graceful Legs, Rose Josephine, Sea Imp, Simonian Eve, The Typhoon, Torpedo Star and Vanda failed to appear before the public.

The total of stakes paid out to the Australian ponies including the subs of this season was \$55,580 and in comparison with last year's sum, the amount has been increased by \$6,100. This was due to the restoration of stake money in all events and also to the introduction of a few races for "C" class Australian ponies.

The list is made up as follows:	
A Better Time	\$ 750
A Grand Time	300
A Great Time	800
A Lovely Time	400
Able Amazon	700
Alber	1,770
Annabella	1,300
Arina	200
Aztec	1,300
Bag Tor	200
Bent That	1,300
Blandford	1,300
Boris	600
Bredon	2,000
Brutus	2,000
Cape York	200
Centre Court	1,500
Colorado Star	650
Court- ing Eve	2,450
Criffel	2,000
Derby Day	750
Dick Turpin	500
Discovery Bay	1,450
Double Finesse	2,050
Electron	1,200
Gypsy Love	700
Home Brew	1,200
Katinka	1,200
King's Privilege	1,200
Lancashire Chips	3,550
Lily	1,450
Little Audrey	1,450
Llanmoron	1,450
Llangollen	1,450
Love Day	1,450
Lucky Lad	3,000
Macquarie River	1,600
Maya	1,613
Murray River	1,613
National Crisis	1,613
Oiga	1,613
Perfect Day	1,613
Racing Heart	1,613

THREE PLAYERS WITHDRAW

Team of Three To Represent Colony In Saigon Tourney

For various reasons, three of the four tennis players originally chosen by the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association to represent the Colony at the Far East tennis championships at Saigon from January 7 to 14 have withdrawn from the team.

Only Selo Bick has remained steadfast to his decision to participate in the tournament.

The three who have withdrawn are Tennis Kwok, Lal Kwong-tsun and Chan Chai-kung. As a result, officials of the Hongkong L.T.A. have had to ask other players to join the team. Two players who have already consented to make the trip to Saigon are A. E. P. Guest and George Choa.

The team of three, according to present arrangements, will leave Hongkong on New Year's Day on the Lymoon.

least one argument on our side. In addition to this, if the crowd are discouraged and are allowed to back up their own opinion instead of merely backing a horse just because the majority of the crowd is after it, then we may see more respectable dividends declared than at present. Anyway, if you look at the newspapers and know anything of racing a person ought to know what are likely favourites in a certain event. So why go from window to window and be a nuisance? Then again more windows could be placed for likely favourites and nonentities may be grouped in twos or threes according to the field or as the case may demand.

Before closing I have one more thought in mind and that is universal amongst the patrons of the public enclosure. When are we going to get a chance of watching the ponies at parade in the paddock? If the stewards give a little thought to the subject and spend a little money and time, I believe it could be adjusted. There is quite a bit of room where the present bandstand is. The band could go a little more in towards the members stand and we wouldn't mind hearing it from a longer distance provided we have other advantages. By moving the rails

dividing the public and members' enclosure a little and utilising the space, a sufficiently large paddock could be managed. This will necessitate the construction of a rail with gates to allow the horses to be brought in from the stables. The passage taken will be narrow and the rails may be closed and opened to allow the members to move about once the horses are out or within the paddock. By adjusting these little things a longfought grievance may be satisfactorily solved.

RACE-GOZZ.

During the past year, we of the Public Enclosure have been put to a certain amount of inconvenience by not having satisfactory arrangements made both at the "Sellers and Pay out" windows. In this connection, quite a lot could be done if short rails were placed separating the window so that it may naturally force the callers to follow a queue formation. A lot of rush and unnecessary waste of energy could be avoided thus. Of course, this will bring a bitter protest from the crowd who promote from window to window looking at the number of tickets sold on each horse. It is this crowd that usually causes all the obstruction. At the present time their estimation of numbers does not always hold good as they are unaware how the backing in the members' enclosure is. So there is at

FILIPINO TENNIS STARS DID NOT SHOW BEST FORM

Gavia And Sanchez Unused To Playing On Grass

(By "Abe")

Apparently not accustomed to playing on grass courts, Leonardo Gavia and Amado Sanchez, the two top-ranking tennis stars of the Philippines, were not at their best yesterday afternoon when they participated in an exhibition on the Kowloon C.C. courts. Gavia, who already has had some experience of grass courts, played quite well, but his partner, who beat him twice this year in major tournaments, failed to settle down and gave only a mediocre display.

To be quite frank, the exhibition was disappointing. From what we have heard and read of both these players, who have been selected to represent the Islands in the Far East tennis championships to be held at Saigon next month, they must be better than they showed themselves to be yesterday; and it would be foolish, I think, to judge them on yesterday's form.

Arrangements for the match made by the Kowloon C.C. were splendid in every way, and weather conditions were ideal for good tennis; but the standard of play, except for occasional flashes of brilliance, was on the whole rather uninspiring.

GAVIA BETTER Of the two visitors, Gavia was the better. He was far more reliable than Sanchez, who displayed a particular weakness overhead which was astounding for a player of his reputation. Even his ground strokes were not always dependable, but his service throughout was good.

Gavia showed some deft touches at the net, often smashing with great power and alternating with some very finely-executed stop-volleys. One of the brightest features of the tournament was the fine work of George Choa, who, partnered by Selo Bick, took a set off the visitors. Choa easily held his own and was easily the best of the four next to Gavia.

Tsui Wai-pui, the Colony champion, started impressively in his singles game against Gavia, but after winning the first set after nine games and looking set to take the second as well, he lost it at 6-2.

The following were the scores of the matches played, with the visitors' tally first: Gavia and Sanchez v. George Choa and Selo Bick: 6-4, 2-6. Gavia v. Tsui Wai-pui: 3-6, 6-2. Gavia and Sanchez v. A. E. P. Guest and Tsui Wai-pui: 8-6, 6-1. Gavia and Sanchez v. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Wai-pui: 3-6. Gavia and Sanchez are sailing for Haiphong this afternoon on the s.s. Canton. From Haiphong they will travel over-land to Saigon.

On completion of the tournament, they will return to Manila via Singapore.

IMPORTANT RUGBY TIE TO-MORROW

The deciding match of this year's Triangular Rugby Tournament will be played on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow, when the Club will play the Navy for the second time. The match will commence at 4 p.m. and will be refereed by Lt. Pirie.

Although there is still an Army v. Navy fixture to be played off, it is unlikely that it will make any difference to the result of the tournament as the Army have already been defeated three times.

To-morrow's match, therefore will decide whether the Navy retain the trophy, which they won last year or merely share it with the Club. In the first round the Club were beaten by the narrowest of margins at 13 points to 14 after a rousing game and to share the trophy, they must win to-morrow. A defeat or even a draw will be of no use to them. Both Navy and Club have full sides out and a really hard and exciting game, with the ultimate result ever in doubt until the last whistle, should be seen by spectators.

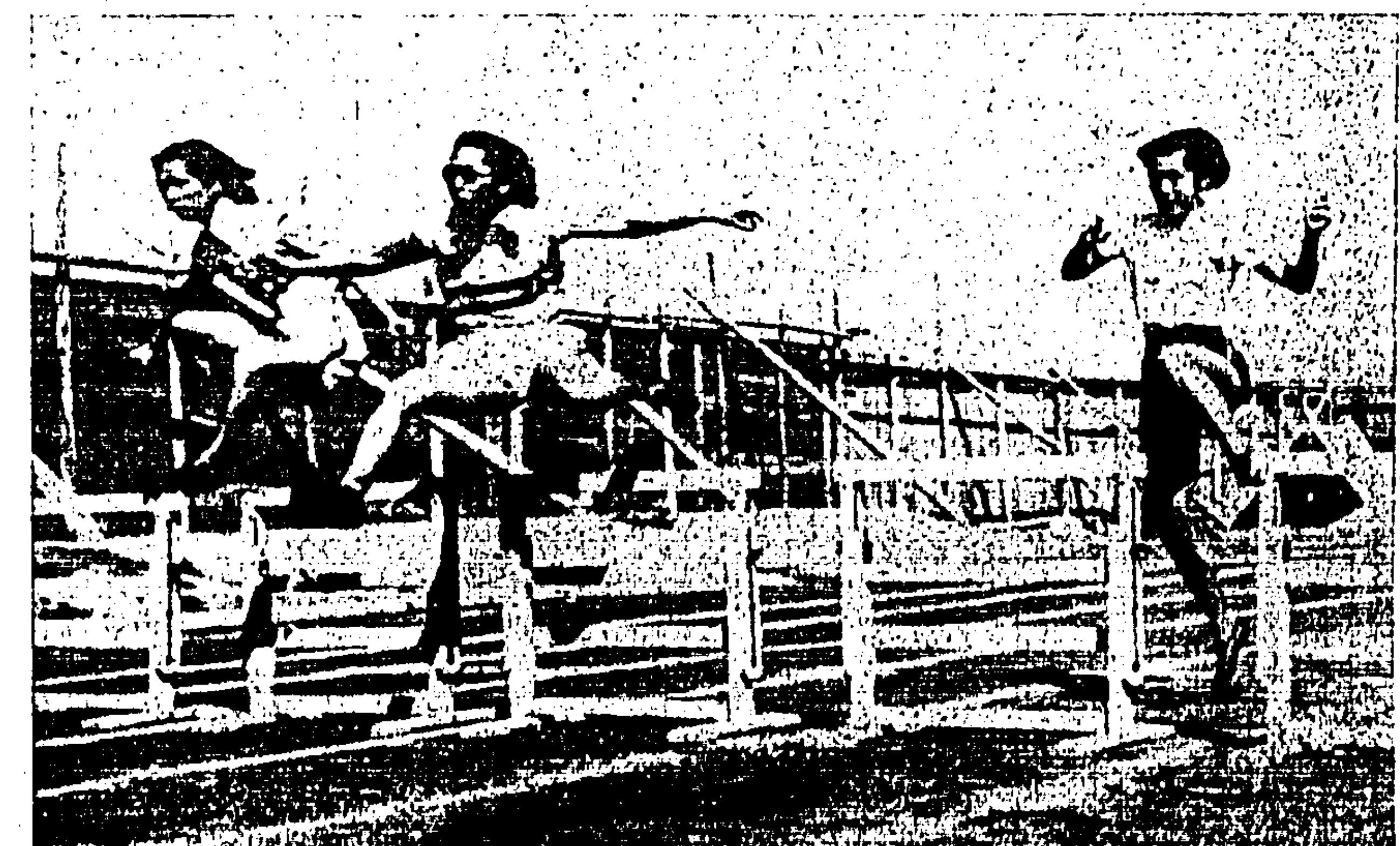
Prior to the Tournament game the Club "A" XV will play the Royal Engineers at 2.45 p.m. This game will be refereed by Dr. J. A. R. Selby. The Club sides have been selected as follows:

1st. XV.—W. M. MacGrath; G. K. Chadwick; H. D. Bidwell (Captain); W. E. Grieve; D. H. Stewart; F. Cossford; J. R. Henderson; K. A. Watson; K. W. Salter; C. M. Stark; J. S. Dunnett; W. E. Peers; H. W. E. Heath; A. J. C. Taylor; and W. B. Richardson. "A" XV.—F. M. Thompson; D. I. Bosanquet; D. Hynes; E. Taverner; H. van Leeuwen; J. Hutchison; E. C. Luscombe; R. G. L. Oliphant; P. W. Burton; E. A. Bompas; G. J. P. Carey; J. C. Davis; W. Stoker; K. H. G. White and J. Redman (Captain).

NAVY TEAM

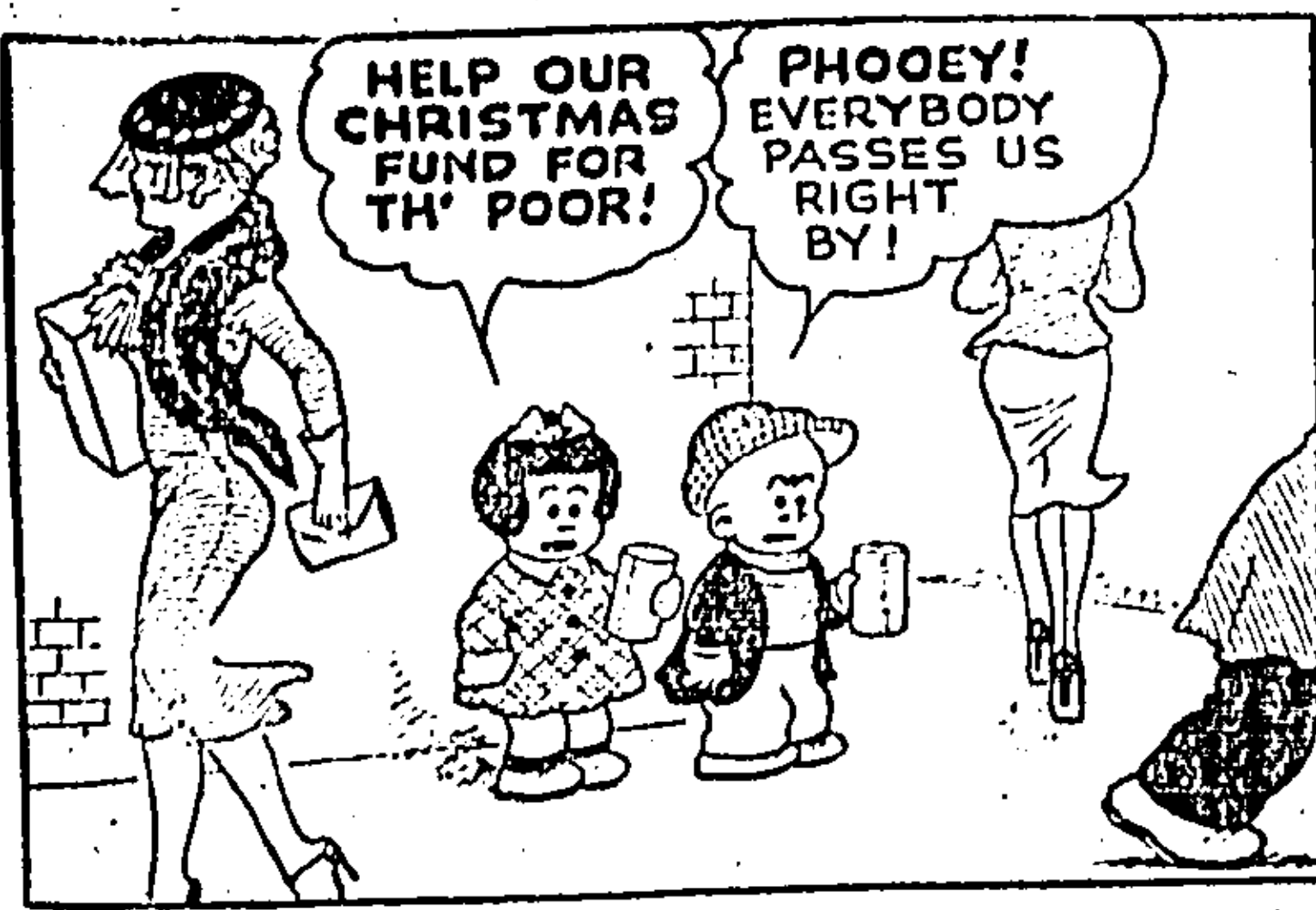
The following have been selected to represent the Navy at Rugby against the Club in the Final Round of the Triangular Tournament on Saturday, December 31 on the Club Ground. Kick off at 4 p.m.:

Pay Lieut. Stevens (Kent); Lieut. (E) Lewis (Birmingham); P. O. Askwith (Dainty); Lieut. Skelton (Medway); Lieut. Walters (Medway); Lieut. Elliot (Eagle); Lieut. Tully (Medway); A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); Mr. Witherton (Duncan); Lieut. Sea. Romans (Eagle); Sub. Lt. (A) Hain (Eagle); Lieut. Darling (Medway); Lieut. Ogle (Medway); Lieut. Anderson (Medway) and Lieut. Griffiths (Medway).



The 80 metres women's hurdle race in progress at the International week-end. The event was won by Chu Kai-sung, with Law Mun-fu second and Mary Summ third.—Staff Photographer.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



A WONDERFUL RECOVERY BY THE NAVY IN TRIANGULAR CRICKET MATCH

Lieut. Commdr. Kennedy Saves Side With Grand Century At Vital Stage

(By "R. Abbi")

When this match was resumed yesterday, for a time nothing went right for the Navy. With seven runs scored, Godby bowled Wanstall, Smith (24) was taken in the slips at 35 and Manners went twelve runs later trying to hook a long hop on his off stump and missing it. Whitmarsh was bowled by one that was much better than he thought it was, Lees was very well caught at the wicket at 64, and nine runs later Talbot skied Godby and was caught by Hatfield running from slip to fine leg, 73-7-7. The Army seemed to have the game in their pockets.

A QUEER GAME
But cricket is a queer game and the situation began to change when Kennedy, who had been defending steadily, was joined by Firth. The innings defeat was saved and the newcomer began to lay about him. He played nice cricket but made one very bad shot near cover which did not go to hand. It was rather typical of some of the Navy batsmen who seemed perfectly happy and likely to step for a week and then

their wickets. However, Firth steadied down and played excellently, hitting Godby excellently to the tent. Hatfield relieved Godby who had bowled thirteen overs in succession. Firth hooked the new bowler for four and off-drove a nice two. Land relieved Coombes and Kennedy square cut his first ball to the boundary, and three further singles came in the over. Next over Firth hooked one square and then placed the next to long leg but the last ball was pitched up and it fell on the batsman's toe, and the decision was against him. Again an unexpected wicket for the ball should have gone for a sitting four. The stand had put on 49 runs of which Firth had 35. Apart from the bad cover shot it was an excellent innings (122-8-35).

Kennedy then took hold and in Hatfield's next over made a beautiful late cut, another boundary to long leg and a couple square cut. He followed this with a splendid extra-cover drive in the next over. Moors played the right game and defended though he crashed a particularly inviting half-volley from Land along the carpet to cover for a couple. Next over Kennedy completed his fifty—a grand fighting innings. Patterson relieved Land and bowled six leg balls. The first four were unpunished but Moors got a single and then Kennedy put the sixth ball to long leg boundary. The Navy were now on the crest of the wave and Moors hooked Swyers, bowling at the Yard end, for two fours in succession.

THE SECOND CENTURY
Time might have been an upsetting factor but the two batsmen played on and the two hundred was sent up. Godby and Hatfield were bowling but they did not seem so dangerous as before. The new ball was called for and Kennedy sent it promptly through the slips for four and then scored three off the next delivery. Runs continued to come and the Army fielding seemed to get a little rattled. Moors played one back to Hatfield who threw at his wicket—a thing he seems fond of—and four resulted. Land was doubtful if this really pays. Two singles later, Kennedy completed his century. Next ball Moors was caught in the slips off his glove. The ninth wicket had put on 103 runs, of which Moors had thirty two. I don't know much about his cricket but he can seldom have played a more useful innings. (230-9-32).

Paxton held up his wicket and some close singles were run—but Kennedy finally played one of Hatfield's into his wicket when the score was 238. Thus the Army who seemed to have the match in their pockets at noon were left with the task of making 158 in two hours and ten minutes.

THE LAST KNOCK
The Army started with Logan and Patterson but with fifteen on the board Logan hit out at one of Paxton's which pitched on his leg stump and was l.b.w. 15-4. Land came in and things looked good for the Army, as the runs came readily. At 47, however, Manners went on and Patterson got right under his first ball, a full toss to leg and skied it to long leg where Kennedy never looked like dropping it. 47-2-16.

Whitmarsh went on for Paxton but Land seemed to have his measure. Godby, however, started as slowly as he had done in the first innings. Still he got a couple of fours in succession off Whitmarsh, whose bowling was handicapped by a strained side and started to speed up when he cut Whitmarsh to the left of short third man and Paxton brought off a good catch 69-3-17. Webb came in but played his fourth ball on to the leg stump. The tide seemed turning!

A COLLAPSE
But more trouble was coming to the Army, for Moors, who went on for Manners after the latter had broken the stand, pushed one past Land which got up. The batsman seemed to lose his balance and Clayton pulled the ball down in a flash and stumped him. Three wickets had fallen at 69! But another was made some silly shot which cost them

DANCE AT THE I. R. C. TO-NIGHT

The Indian R. C. embark upon their winter social programme this evening with a dance at the Club-house at Sookunpoo. Every effort has been made by the Sub-Committee to make the event a success. Prizes will be awarded for the most original fancy dresses worn during the evening, and also in spot-dances. As added attractions, two well-known dancers will give exhibitions and a popular local tenor will sing during the evening. Dancing commences at 9 p.m.

to fall, for Coombes was taken at second slip in the same over. Sgt. Baker broke the spell with a single. Then tea was taken. Three maidens were sent down after tea and then Whitmarsh bowled Baker middle stump with one that seemed to come through a little quicker. 71-7-1. Hatfield cut a four behind point but was taken at second slip 75-8-4. Two balls later Major Swyers cracked one to against him. At mid-off and the Navy had won a glorious victory by 83 runs. A most amazing game. The honours go to Kennedy and to Moors and Whitmarsh on the second day. The former's figures were 10.3-4-18-3 and the latter's 8-3-23-4. The Army were of course unlucky in having Laurence away injured. But I doubt if he could have made the result different.

ROYAL NAVY—2ND INNS.				
L. S. Smith, c Land b Coombes	24			
Godby, c Godby b Hatfield	1			
S. A. O. Wanstall, b Godby	1			
L. Manners, b Godby	16			
Major Kennedy, b Hatfield	100			
L. Firth, l.b.w. b Land	35			
Capt. Whitmarsh, b Coombes	35			
Capt. Lees, c Logan b Godby	64			
L. Talbot, c Hatfield b Godby	73			
M. Moors, c Land b Godby	32			
C. P. O. Tel. Paxton, not out	5			
Extras	9			
Total	238			

Bowling Analysis				
Godby	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	10	1	81	5
Coombes	8	1	27	2
Land	5	5	22	1
Swyers	2	1	23	0
Patterson	2	1	8	0
*bowled one no ball.				

ARMY—2ND INNS.				
Sgt. Patterson, c Kennedy b Manners	16			
Driver Logan, l.b.w. b Paxton	4			
Capt. Land, c Clayton b Moors	20			
Capt. Godby, c Paxton b Whitmarsh	17			
Capt. Webb, b Whitmarsh	0			
Major Swyers, c Lees b Moors	0			
Sgt. Baker, b Whitmarsh	1			
Pie. Coombes, c Smith b Moors	4			
Pie. Hatfield, c Moors b Whitmarsh	4			
S. M. Patterson, not out	0			
Capt. Lawrence, absent hurt	7			
Extras	7			
Total	75			

Bowling Analysis				
Paxton	O.	M.	R.	W.
Paxton	10	4	18	3
Moors	8	3	22	4
L. Manners	3	1	8	1
*bowled one no ball.				

KOWLOON TEAMS
An intra-club game will be played at the K. C. C. to-morrow at 2 p.m. Teams are:
A team—D. J. N. Anderson (captain), R. F. Lee, G. V. Giffins, G. W. Giffins, H. F. Shields, L. W. Hume, F. C. and E. F. Fincher, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, A. Wright, A. N. Oller.
B team—W. Mulcahy (captain), W. L. McKenzie, J. R. Luke, R. Brokenshire, G. G. Davies, G. E. Taylor, G. A. Gooden, C. Walker, H. D. Lay, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, R. A. J. Simpson.



Lieut. J. E. Manners, R.N., the former Hampshire cricketer, who has been making a lot of runs in Hongkong this season, did not do as well as generally expected in the Triangular Cricket Tournament match against the Army. He scored 20 in the first innings and 16 in the second. —Photo by A. A. Kahn.

Prominent Sports Leader Leaving Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 24.
Shanghai's sporting community will suffer a loss which will be difficult to replace when R. Grimshaw leaves this port on December 28 to take up residence in Hongkong, due to a business transfer to that city where he is to assume an important executive position.

"Grimmy" as he has been affectionately known to his intimates has achieved his best recognition as the hardworking President of the Shanghai Football Association over a period of years when football went through a metamorphosis—the transfer from the Race Course matches to the matches which attracted crowds to such venues as the Stadium and the Candrome due to the entry of Chinese teams. He has had an all-round interest in sport and apart from holding the presidency of the Shanghai Football Association, has been a Vice-President of the Shanghai Football Club, a Vice-President of the Shanghai Hockey Club, President of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association, and the Chairman of the Committee of the Shanghai Cricket Club. Coming out from England some 30 years ago for a Lancashire piece goods firm, Grimshaw entered the field of sport with as much enthusiasm as any of the keen sportsmen of this day. He became proficient at tennis and cricket, and in the former game won several important matches in the Cricket Club championships, while he achieved distinction in cricket as a bowler and went up to Hankow with the interport team one year. At soccer he played for the Shanghai Football Club. **FUNCTION IN HIS HONOUR** It was in the executive positions however that he proved most valuable and his presidency of the Football Association has earned him the reputation of being the most hard-working president the Association has had. In thirty years' association with soccer, he has served for fourteen years as a president. He was President of the Lawn Tennis Association from 1932-35 and relinquished that post to remain connected with tennis as a vice president. He leaves Shanghai on December 28 when he will relinquish his posts in the various associations with which he is connected. A number of presentations are being made to him, and there will be a function at noon to-day to be attended by executives of the Football Association, and another on Tuesday by committee members of the Cricket Club. He carries with him the best wishes of Shanghai's sporting community.

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Paris Goes for Woollen Nightgowns

Lingerie designers held a show in Paris recently. And for the first time they made woollen nightdresses a feature of high fashion. Sounds old-fashioned—but the new nightgowns are as gay as they are warm. They are made in every variation of wool—wool muslin, wool chiffon, wool lace—and coloured in shades like periwinkle blue, rose pink, cyclamen and hydrangea. Here are two of the newest designs in detail:—

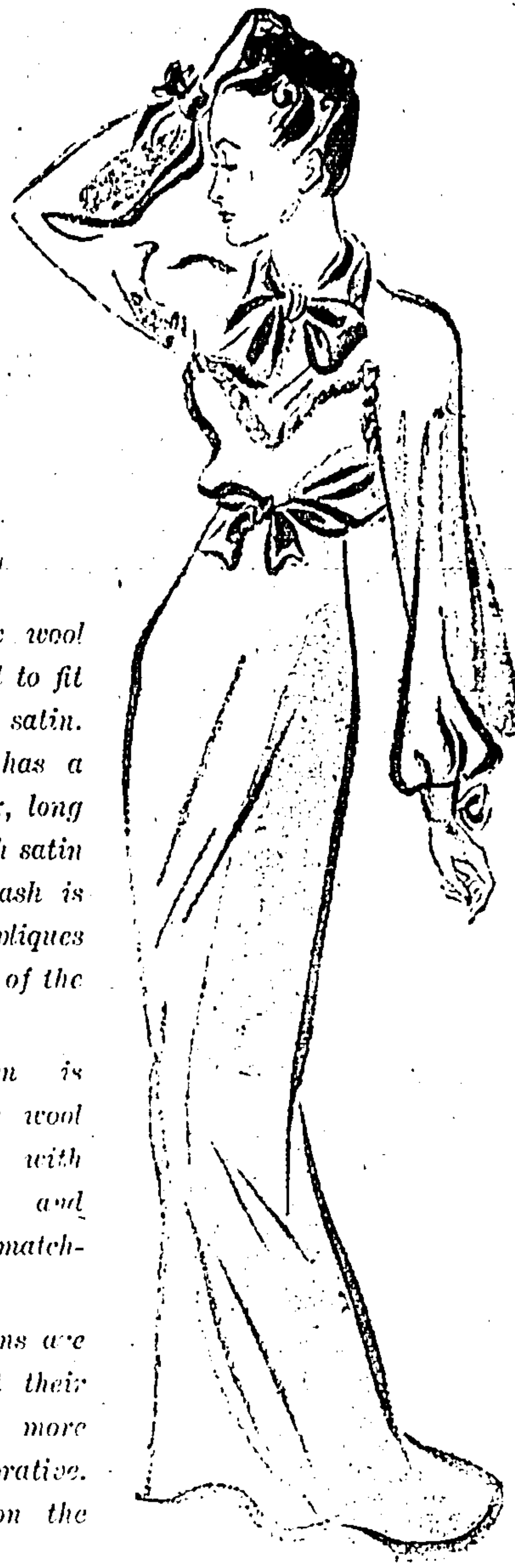


Wool and satin again, in a white lacy wool dressing gown lined with ice blue satin. The sleeves are elbow length, edged with flounces, the skirt long and very full. The neck is drawn up with a thick cord, a drawstring belt hangs in thick tassels from the waist.

Nightgown in lilac wool muslin. It is tailored to fit and trimmed with satin. The roll-over collar has a satin bow at the neck, long sleeves are caught with satin at the wrist. The sash is satin, and satin appliques curve across the front of the bodice.

Another nightgown is made in pale yellow wool voile, high-waisted, with tiny draped sleeves and belted and piped with matching satin.

Wool dressing gowns are not a new idea, but their make-up nowadays is more feminine and decorative. Look at this one on the left.



Don't Scorn Second-Best

DO you know the all-or-nothing woman? I mean the type who wants everything of the best, and if she cannot get that, she prefers to have nothing rather than put up with second-best.

It is a sign of a wide and resourceful mind to be able to adapt yourself to things which do not happen to be at the top of your list of demands, and to be able to find their enjoyable side. For who will deny that there is deep pleasure to be had out of the unspectacular things of life?

The all-or-nothing person generally courts only the spectacular or the striking. Each possession must be more striking than the last, and sensation must succeed sensation. The result is frequently boredom, and sometimes financial difficulty.

You know the woman who is shocked at the idea of buying a cheap hat or stockings. If it happens that she cannot afford to give her customary price for them, she will endure misery in her "good" but old things rather than come down a peg and wear something cheaper. A love of good things is not an affection but, at the same time, with a philosophic mind and, metaphorically speaking, a dashing snap of the fingers, one can be perfectly happy with second-best.

Some people go as far as to go in only for "best" friends, that is, they are only interested in people who have achieved things, or in people who are important or impressive in other ways. Now, there is a good deal to be said for having interesting and striking personalities as friends, but we should not overlook the fact that, very often, we can derive as much, if not more, interest from folks who are quite insignificant. Some people remain unsung, yet they may have rich, intelligent minds in spite of that, and more lovable natures, too, and what a joy it is to make contact with these things!

Then what about the woman who ruins her chances of marriage by wanting to accept only the best? She is interested in every shortcoming in the men she meets. Yet is she quite sure that she is entitled to stand in judgment and, in any case, is she wise to do so?

Try to make the best of second-best, if this happens to be your lot. Don't deny yourself holidays or clothes in order to have a very expensive carpet or rug.

Learn adaptability and have the courage of your convictions. Everything you do and buy may produce some effect or have some result, whereas doing nothing means stagnation and complete closing up of all opportunities.

Anne Morne

Household Hints

SOAK a duster in vinegar and leave to dry. Used for the furniture, it will both dust and polish the wood at the one operation.

Dry mustard, rubbed on the hands, takes away the odour of onions.

Before being a cake sprinkle some flour on the surface which has to be iced, and this will prevent the icing from running.

If a vanilla bean is left in the sugar jar it will give the sugar a delicate flavour. This is particularly useful for sugar which is to be used in cake making.

When making mince meat, try adding the juice of an orange and one or two spoonfuls of marmalade. The flavour is much improved if this is done.

If the lid of a saucepan is greased, the contents will not boil over.

As a substitute for cream, beat up the white of an egg to a froth, add a small lump of butter, and mix thoroughly. Then stir gradually so as to obviate curdling.

Roast pork is delicious if it is served with slices of orange instead of apple sauce. The oranges should be cut into thin slices, soaked for half an hour in lemon juice, a little sugar, salt and pepper, and then placed round the joint.

Flowers are scarce at this time of the year, and, by way of making them last longer, add a little salt or soda to the water, renewing this each day as the water is changed.

A. W.

POINTS ABOUT POTATOES

TO make old potatoes white and mealy, add a teaspoonful of vinegar to their cooking water a few minutes before they are drained.

Old potatoes, being soft on the outside, are inclined to boil down unless carefully watched. To prevent this, add a cup of cold water to each pint immediately the potatoes become soft externally. The cold water sends the heat to the centre of the vegetable so that they cook evenly and without waste.

When mashed potatoes are required, 1 lb of boiled potatoes will give just over two cups of mashed ones; if diced potatoes are wanted, then 1 lb boiled is equivalent to two and a half cups of diced.

Potatoes being 80 per cent. water and only 1 per cent. fat are contrary to popular opinion, excellent for slimming purposes. They are rich in mineral salts and vitamins which supply the body with heat and energy.

Potatoes can be steamed without a steamer if they are prepared and laid in the centre of a large pudding cloth and a saucepan lid placed upon them.

Tie the corners of the cloth over the top of the lid and place this with the potatoes securely held beneath, on a simmering pot for about an hour. This ensures a great saving of heat and labour.

If new potatoes are immersed in a bowl of salted water they can be scraped more easily and the fingers will not be stained.

M. L. D.

How To Choose A Coiffure

HAVE you a full face or a slender one? In order to choose a style of hairdressing successfully, first consider your contours so that their line may be followed and your best points emphasized.

If nature has endowed you with a thin face, avoid an all-curved coiffure as it tends to give an unduly emaciated look. Rather select a style deeply waved across the forehead from a low parting. Width is achieved by curls or rolls slightly fluffing out over the ears.

The full face may be slenderised by a rather high side parting. If the hair is short it should be brushed back to reveal the temple and if long, should be brought forward in casual waves.

For High Cheekbones

To set off a face with high cheekbones and pointed chin, have the hair dressed back from the eyes, the ears being partly or wholly revealed. Tight curls piled from nape to crown lend balance to the profile.

For those fortunate possessors of classical features, the centre parting is perfect. They will look serene and beautiful in a great range of styles, from the simple to the picturesque.

When lines run downwards in the not-so-young face, an upward style of dressing which lifts the hair from the sides, is rejuvenating; while to disguise a lined forehead, nothing could be prettier or more fashionable than the new, softly curling, verion of the fringe.

To detract from over-plumpness round the jaw and chin line, wear the hair well back from the ears and brush it smoothly into long rolls.

White and Grey Hair

White or greying hair can be really beautiful if well tended and immaculately groomed. Avoid the slightest suspicion of straggly ends or exaggerated style, but do not be afraid to alter your present style. Others may suit you even better, coiffure is incalculable.

On a festive occasion, the frock to be worn must be considered when choosing a coiffure. For instance, the Edwardian high-piled curls, coquettishly holding a rose, would be appropriate for a wide skirted period or crinoline gown, and the sleekly cut tailored frock would demand its equivalent in a sleek, almost sculptured head.

M. D.

Economy Wrinkles

WINTER is an expensive season for the housewife, and it is worth noting all the money-saving methods which can be used in the kitchen.

To prevent bread from becoming mildewed, sprinkle the bread box with a layer of salt, and then cover this with white paper before putting the loaf in.

When stewing prunes, add a piece, either of lemon or orange peel, or, as an alternative, about a dozen sultanas. As any of these additions absorb the acid from the fruit, less sugar will be needed, and, incidentally, the flavour is much improved.

Another method of saving sugar when cooking fruit of any type is to add a teaspoonful of pure glycerine. Only half the usual amount of sugar will be required if this is done.

When frying, add a teaspoonful of vinegar to the pan, and this prevents the food from absorbing too much fat.

Rub a buttered paper over the wooden spoon before putting it into a cake or butter mixture. This prevents clinging and waste.

Tea will go further if it is heated in the oven for a few minutes before use. Another method of obtaining strong tea with the minimum of leaf is to add a very little sugar to the teapot. This helps to "draw" the tea.

When a crack appears in the rubber roller of the wringer, a temporary repair can be effected at home if the cracked part is bound tightly with adhesive tape. This will prevent the crack from spreading.

A. W.

BANANA SWEETS

IF you find yourself racking your brains to know what "sweet" to serve for a change, you will find the following suggestions useful.

To make banana trifle, you will need four sponge cakes, six bananas, one pint packet of jelly (any flavour), one pint of boiling water, a little whipped cream, and a few pistachio nuts.

Dissolve the jelly square in the boiling water and leave to cool slightly. Slice or crumble the sponge cakes into a glass dish. Peel the bananas, wash them up with a fork, and spread evenly over the cake. Add the prepared jelly, and leave in a cool place until set.

Decorate with sweetened whipped cream and chopped pistachio nuts.

Banana Batter and Rolls

Served with sugar and lemon juice, banana batter is crisp and delicious.

To serve three or four people, allow four ounces of flour, a pinch of salt, one egg, half a pint of milk, three bananas.

Sift the flour and salt into a basin and make a well in the centre. Pour in the beaten egg and a little milk, and mix in the flour gradually. When it is mixed to a smooth batter, beat thoroughly for a few minutes, then

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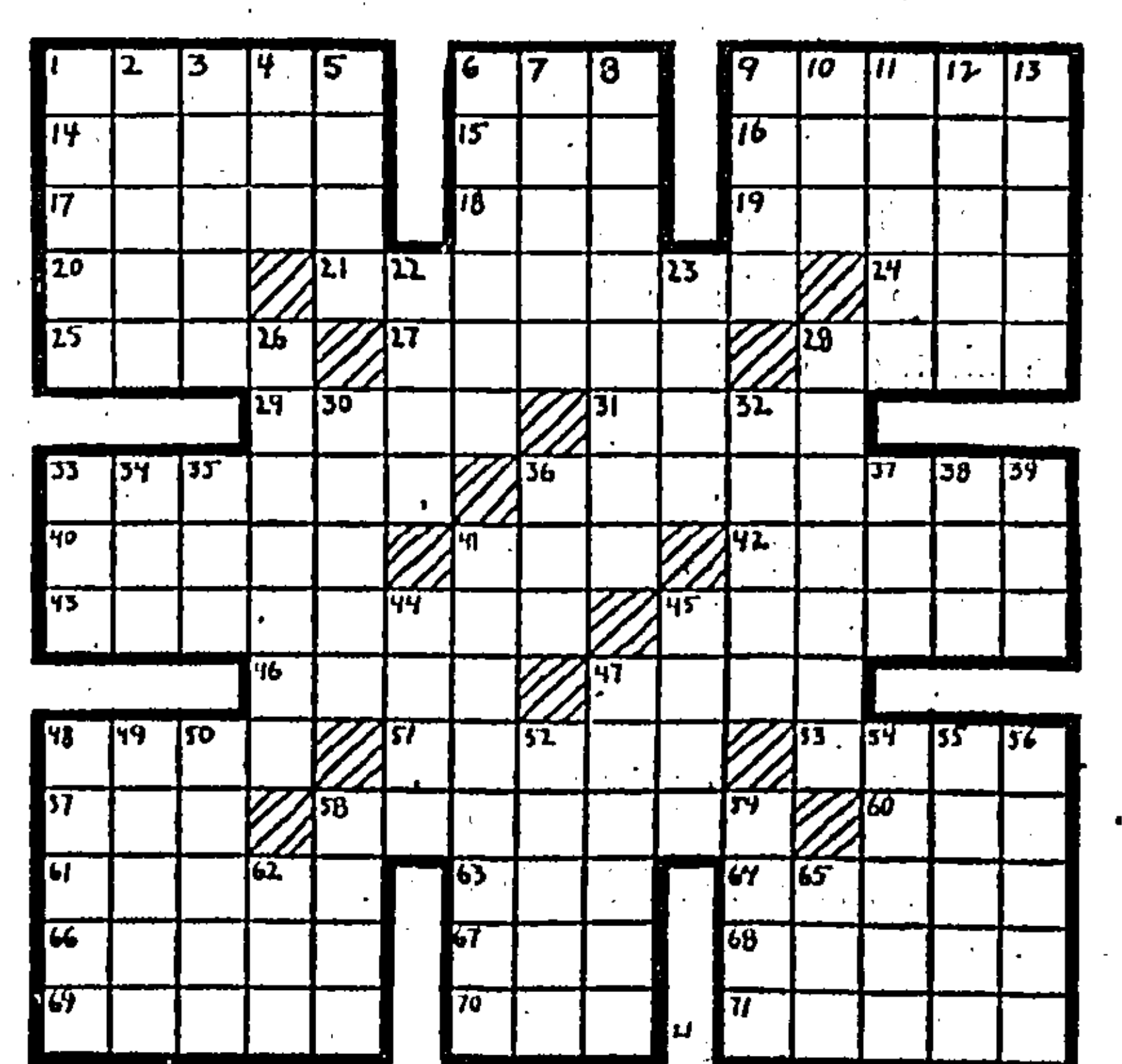
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ACROSS

- Kind of beer
- Old times (poetic)
- Help man
- By oneself
- Strong brew
- Zal
- Links to mud
- Water hole with threads
- Division of play
- Piece cut
- Trembling
- Report aviator
- Table used for writing
- Deile
- Man away
- Hotel
- Occupied with
- Curled as blow
- Lawyer
- Make amends for
- Black coal
- Swirl together
- Illness of throat
- Inflammatory eruption on skin
- Boon on silk
- South American tree
- Small bird
- Small bird
- Source of metal
- Mexican saddle
- Black
- Norm with name of
- Common strain
- Devil's helper
- Communism-like
- Heavenly instrument
- Income upon

DOWN

- Crippled
- Similar
- Pieces with horns
- Point of compass
- Remain
- Devourers
- South American mammal
- Act easy to (col.)
- Sharp curve
- Conception
- Present time
- Corral
- Test up
- Test
- Carry off, as from home
- Run in advance of
- Poor
- Clutch for drying
- Small compact mass
- Brood
- Mathematical bird at prey
- Island
- Short sleep
- First woman
- Affirmative
- Affecting by mean
- Scottish language
- Black for sharpening edged tool
- Drink liquor
- One who lavishes
- Chinese fondles
- Scene of action
- Chinese plant
- Go in
- Black
- Sententious
- Black with thread
- Coarse bulled Indian
- Corp
- Urbane
- Gravely place



Control Your Child's Reading

"JAMES, how often have I told you not to ride your bike over the vegetables? I don't know what your father will say. Come indoors at once!"

"But I don't know what to do indoors, mummy."

"Haven't you any games you can play?"

"No, mummy, none that I can play by myself."

"Well then, why can't you read a book like your sister Barbara does?"

It is natural for a mother to prefer her child to read a book rather than to trample over vegetable patches. So the legend has grown that a child who reads books all day is a "perfect" child and that a child who plays in the garden all day, who never rests for a moment, is a "difficult" child.

Nearly all children go through a stage when they read as many books as they can obtain. The stage should be a short one, and is quite natural in the normally developing child.

However, there are some children who fail to grow out of it quickly, and, three or four years of their home life are spent indoors reading books.

The danger is that the mother will complacently allow this to go on. She will say that books keep him out of mischief, and that it cannot hurt him to improve his mind by reading.

Too much reading, however, is bad for the development of a child's body, and of his mind.

Most mothers realise that staying indoors retards growth, and is unhealthy. Few realise that a surfeit of reading will definitely retard the growth of the child's mind.

Reading gives the reader second-hand experiences. What children need most is a first-hand, personal knowledge of the things about them. Particularly, as nearly all the scholastic work is second-hand knowledge.

Too Easily Satisfied

A child's mind that has too much reading will tend to become narrow and easily satisfied. His "good taste" will deteriorate because he will not want to read "classics" the whole time, and, unfortunately, bad books seem to ruin "good taste" more than good books improve it.

As soon as your child starts to go to school, whatever his inclinations, it is a good idea to set aside one hour only. Immediately he has finished his reading hour he should do some hobby work for a further hour.

If your child is studious he should be encouraged to be creative during this hour. Let him write a poem, study music or art.

If he is at a day school and has home work to do, it is as well to dispense completely with the hour for reading and to make the hobby hour compulsory.

In the holidays when your child has almost unlimited free time there is no object in restricting his hobby time to an hour.

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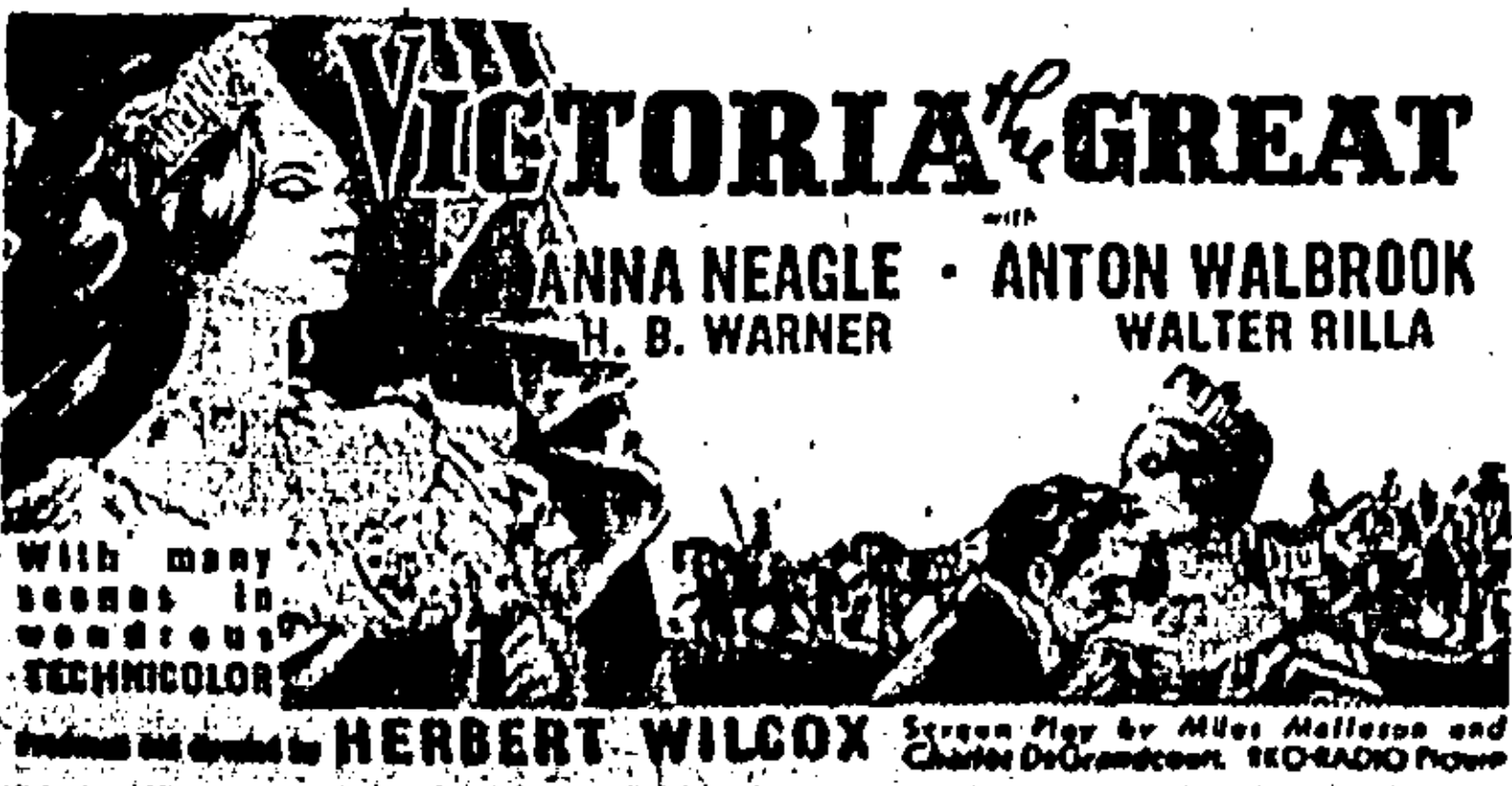
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A PRICELESS GEM FROM A NANKING NEWSPAPER

Britain Hands Hongkong To The Japanese

The "Voice of New China", an English-language magazine published in Nanking, publishes two interesting articles in its last issue.

One article denounces foreign language newspapers which print fabricated reports, "meant to deceive the suffering Chinese people."

The second article is a gem of fabrication. Read it:

"The inevitable has happened. Japanese forces have occupied Kowloon, Chinese territory, within a stone's throw from Hongkong."

"The complete and economic isolation of the British colony for the past two months has been effectually accomplished."

"Ocean-going steamers with no cargoes in their holds are no longer

calling at Hongkong which, being a free port, has always been depending on shipping for its prosperity."

"The short line of railway connecting Hongkong with Canton can no longer function as in Japanese hands. Japan is not too eager to repair this line for the sole benefit of Hongkong merchants and others dependent on Canton for livelihood."

"In view of the present strained relations between Japan and Britain, anything can happen between these two countries. It is the consensus of opinion that the occupation of Canton by Japan means the end of British trade and cultural influence in South China."

"Hongkong cannot be defended from bombing planes, which could easily destroy the water reservoirs."

"It is an open secret that Hongkong possesses huge underground tanks. Also a labyrinth of underground passages, and exits have been built connecting the island with the mainland. All these precautions are of no avail."

"In a war between Japan and Britain, it is predicted that Hongkong would be the first far-flung British outpost to fall."

"Hence, Britain has taken the only course that is honourable and dignified, that is, by giving up Hongkong peacefully instead of losing it in a war with Japan."

"Britain's 'face' has thus been saved. In this we wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to wise British statesmanship for being foresighted in withdrawing from Hongkong without loss of prestige and without being compelled to hand it over to Japan as a war booty."

Who fabricated!

BRADDOCK TO STAGE COME-BACK

Matched With Len Harvey In London

London, Dec. 30.

The boxing promoter, Mr. Armand Vincent, announces that he has arranged a contest between the former world champion, James Braddock, and the British champion, Len Harvey, at Earl's Court, London, on either May 10 or 11.

Mr. Vincent intends to match the winner with Tommy Farr. If Harvey wins and is matched with the Welshman, the fight will then be for Harvey's British title.—Reuter.

Paget's Debts Lord Victor

Creditors of Lord Victor Paget, brother of the Marquis of Anglesey, meeting in London recently were told that he had been entirely dependent on the income received from a trust fund created under the will of his mother.

Lord Victor's income was said to be about £13 a week, but he obtained a loan from the trustee for medical and other fees and was now repaying that at the rate of £6 a week.

A statement of affairs showed unsecured indebtedness of £1,821, which included liabilities of £1,691 in a bankruptcy in 1934.

"On the other side he says he has not got anything in the way of assets," said Mr. C. Bruce Park, the Official Receiver.

Mr. F. S. Salaman, chartered accountant, was appointed trustee.

EWO BOWLING LEAGUE

The Ewo indoor bowling league, a division, was brought to a conclusion last night at the Hongkong Bowling Alliance when the Scoreless Wonders beat the Black Dog in the final by 251. Results:

Scoreless Wonders, 1,978	191	485
Doc Molhaus	182	151
Dick Venezia	203	151
Gene Faggiano	147	150
Ernie Hearther	141	150
Black Dog, 1,025	123	429
R. H. Duddridge	179	158
Spr. J. Fawcett	146	121
Spr. A. Devonshire	133	141
S. A. Ismail	128	97

STARTING TIMES AT FANLING

Golf During New Year Holidays

The following are the starting times at Fanling during the New Year holidays:

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.15	H. H. Mundy, C. Mycock
9.20	A. E. Lissaman, W. J. S. Key
9.24	T. Linders, L. A. R. Duncan
9.28	S. J. Hodder, J. H. Gears
9.32	A. D. Humphreys, D. H. Blake
9.36	P. S. Delany, F. W. McMillan
9.40	H. G. Gears, W. Woodling
9.44	D'Arcy Weatherley, K. S. Morrison
9.48	G. C. Worrall, C. H. Hale
9.52	C. M. Gce, J. W. Mayhew
9.56	G. McGee, C. F. Marshall

New Course

9.54	H. and Mrs. Overy
10.02	G. S. Archibutt, F. A. Redmond
10.20	Lt. Col. and Mrs. Matthews

MONDAY

Old Course

9.15	A. W. Hodder, S. C. Feltham
9.20	Pay. Cdr. Colson, Col. Holt
9.24	E. Laidlaw, J. W. Mayhew
9.28	C. F. Bellamy, J. Forbes
9.32	F. Groves, J. Stenerson
9.36	G. McGee, C. F. Marshall
9.40	J. H. Gears, W. Woodling
9.44	W. T. Voxall, H. J. D. Lowe
9.48	A. H. Penn, V. H. Gordon
9.52	C. H. Murray, J. B. Mackle
9.56	J. E. Richardson, H. M. Wood
10.00	C. H. Burton, R. Young
10.04	C. H. Burton, R. Young
10.08	P. S. Delany, D'Arcy Weatherley
10.12	R. L. S. Webb, A. A. Brenner
10.16	V. Gears, W. M. Barton
10.20	P. S. Delany, C. M. Gce

New Course

9.24	W. Sharp, T. J. O'Brien
9.32	D. Humphreys, W. G. Adams
9.40	H. and Mrs. Overy
9.48	Mrs. Webb, Miss Thompson

NEW SKI RECORD

London, Dec. 29.

At Earl's Court to-day, Sverre Kollerud, the Norwegian Olympic medalist, established a world indoor ski jump record of 22½ metres.—Reuter.

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CIANO FOR BELGRADE

Rome, Dec. 29.
The Italian Foreign Minister, Count
Ciano, is expected in Belgrade on
January 10. The main object of his
visit, according to Italian political
circles, is preparation of an amity
agreement between Yugoslavia and
Hungary, supplementing a similar
treaty between Yugoslavia and Italy.—Trans-Ocean.

Premier's Holiday In Yorkshire

London, Dec. 29.
The Prime Minister and Mrs.
Chamberlain left London this after-
noon for a short holiday in Yorkshire,
where they will be the guests of
Lord and Lady Swinton. Mr. Cham-
berlain will return to London early
in the New Year prior to his de-
parture on January 10 for Rome.—
British Wireless.

BROKER EXPELLED

New York, Dec. 29.
The Stock Exchange authorities
announce the expulsion of J. A. Sisto,
a member of the Exchange since
1931, who has been found guilty of
conduct inconsistent with just and
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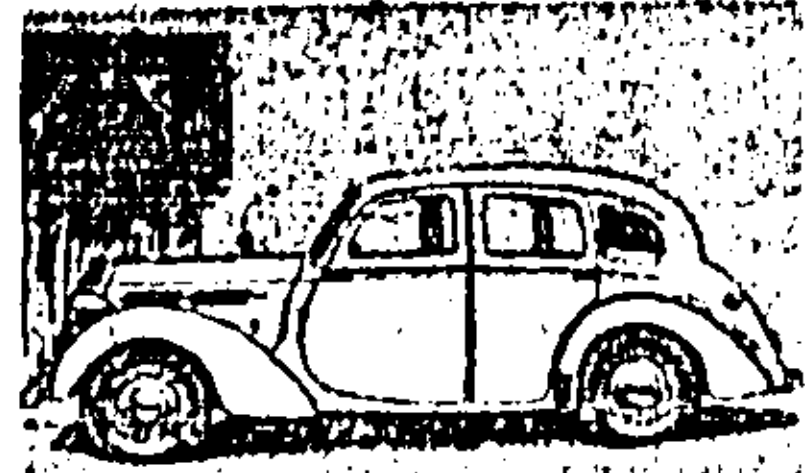
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GIBRALTAR,

Dec. 30.

GIBRALTAR HEARD the sound of naval gunfire to-day when the Spanish Government destroyer Jose Luis Diez, which stole out of harbour just before dawn, encountered the blockading Insurgent fleet.

In the course of the encounter, in which the lone destroyer was almost overwhelmed by the superiority of Insurgent arms, an Insurgent mine-layer, the Jupiter, was rammed by the Jose Luis Diez. The mine-layer sank.

The destroyer miraculously escaped a direct hit, but several of her crew were wounded by flying shrapnel.

The war vessel returned to the sanctuary of British waters after sinking the Insurgent mine-layer, but ran aground inside Gibraltar waters. It is believed she can be refloated.

The wounded men have been taken to hospital.

Her identification letter "D" and the number "16" fore and aft bear traces of recent obliteration with white paint. A noticeable feature is that the forward 4in. gun turret is painted red, white, and blue, and that this also bears distinct marks of obliteration with white paint.

The Jose Luis Diez sank two Nationalist armed patrol trawlers on the Atlantic side of the Straits last August, when she had her last encounter with the Insurgents and many prisoners from these trawlers are among the dead.

A loud cannonade at sea was heard at Gibraltar and Algiers.

The Jose Luis Diez slipped through the Strait of Gibraltar, but was spotted by the patrol boats.

The commander of the vessel, is Lieutenant Juan Castro.



MR. CHEN KUNG-PO, who arrived in Hongkong by Air France plane yesterday to await the arrival here of Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Australian Warplanes For H.K. Defence

LONDON, Dec. 30.

IN AN EDITORIAL to-day the "Daily Telegraph" says that the aircraft factories to be erected in Australia will serve a triple strategic end.

Firstly the provision of aircraft is needed by the Commonwealth for its own defence, secondly, this will relieve industry in the British Isles of the task of supplying Australia's need, which, in the present strain, would have been found difficult to discharge with the promptitude desired, and thirdly, Empire bases like Singapore, Trincomalee and others farther East, will be able to draw aircraft supplies from Australia.

There will be a further technical advantage, namely the standardisation of types in the Empire air forces.

One purpose of the present visit of Mr. Stanley M. Bruce to Australia has been to prepare a way for the R.A.F. special mission, whose welcome is undoubted.—Reuter.

Duke And Duchess Of Windsor May Come To Hongkong

INVITATIONS ARE BEING extended by the Japanese Government Board of Tourist Industry to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to visit Japan next year.

If the invitation is accepted the Duke and Duchess will follow an itinerary that will take them through Hongkong.

JAPANESE CONTINUE TERRIBLE BOMBINGS

JAPANESE MASS AIR RAIDS on Chinese cities, which commenced on Christmas Day and have been carried out almost incessantly since then, were continued yesterday.

Heavy civilian casualties and damage to property were caused in three provinces yesterday.

Changteh, Hanshou and Taoyuan, all on the west shore of Tungting Lake in Hunan province, were the principal sufferers.

Incendiary and explosive bombs were rained on all three cities, starting huge fires and wrecking hundreds of buildings.

At least 200 civilians were killed or wounded in Changteh, and late last night great fires were still raging in this city.

At least seven people were killed in Hanshou, and incendiary bombs set fire to the centre of the town.

Taoyuan was raided by eight Japanese machines. Owing to interruption of all means of communication, the extent of the damage or the number of casualties in this centre are not yet known.

Eighteen bombers raided Shikwang, important Canton-Hankow Railway centre in Kwangtung. Linhsien, in west Kwangtung, was also severely bombed.

Kwellin, capital of Kwangsi province, was again subjected to a severe raid, and fires are still raging in the city. Kwellin was almost wiped out in raids earlier this month.

Another provincial capital raided yesterday was Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow province, which was visited by a large number of bombers early in the morning.

On their way back from Kweiyang, the Japanese bombed Changsha and Lungyang the raids lasting until 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

recorded, one point of an inch being registered during the 24 hours ending 10 a.m. on the 10th. Not since 1920, when two points of an inch was the total for the month has December been so rainless in the Colony.

Appreciation of what this means can be gained when it is stated that the average rainfall for the month is 1.151 inches, and that the maximum is 4.990 inches, recorded in 1912.

The 1938 December has come near to equal the record held by the years 1884, and 1909, when December was completely free from rain.

The prospects of 1938 establishing itself as the second driest year on record are very bright, judging by the Royal Observatory weather report issued this morning, which gave as a local forecast fresh north-east winds; fair, and further stated that a strong anti-cyclone covers China, Indo-China and Japan, with pressure highest over the lower Yangtze Valley, though pressure is relatively low over the East Indies.

Yesterday's temperatures were 64 maximum and 51 minimum, the latter being a decided fall. This morning the thermometer was 56, and humidity 85 per cent.

A report to this effect was published in Tokyo this morning by the "Kohkumin Shimbun," one of the leading Japanese newspapers.

According to a "Domei" message, M. Den, Director of the Board, has also issued invitations to other notables to visit Japan.

They include Pearl Buck, authoress of "The Good Earth" and Margaret Mitchell, authoress of "Gone With the Wind."

An invitation has also been extended to Shirley Temple, the diminutive film star, and to Leopold Stokowski, famous conductor.

For the purpose of entertaining the large number of distinguished visitors expected in Japan during the coming tourist season, the Board of Tourist Industry has increased its budget from 700,000 yen to a record of 1,300,000.

This increase was first authorised when it was anticipated that the 1940 Olympiad would be held in Tokyo. The Tokyo Olympiad was, it will be recalled, cancelled as a result of the hostilities in China.

In addition to the celebrities mentioned above, the Board of Tourist Industry is to invite other world-famous persons; drawn from religious, sporting and newspaper fields, to Japan early next year.

They will all be the guests of the Japanese Government.

Hitler Purges The German Anthem

Berlin, Dec. 29.

A complaint by Herr Hitler that the German national anthem, "Deutschland Uber Alles" was being played too fast, resulting in a "mannerism" of the hymn, is quoted in the newspaper the "National Zeitung", which announces a decree by Herr Hitler that henceforth the anthem must be played "in a tempo worthy of the hymn".—Reuter.

Bank Manager Tells Of Arab Kidnap Thrill

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29.

"FOR MANY MOMENTS I thought my last moment had come", said Mr. Louise Lebouvier, manager of the Ottoman Bank of Palestine, upon his return to-day after being held for ransom by Arabs.

Mr. Lebouvier revealed that a sum of money was paid as ransom when he was released.

On reaching Jerusalem, Mr. Lebouvier was sitting beside the driver of the police car, talking in an animated manner. He had no hat, but he appeared to be well.

The bank manager described his experiences as a hostage for three days and nights in the barren hills, known in the scriptures as the "Wilderness of Christ's temptation."

CHIEF BANDIT'S KINDNESS

Mr. Lebouvier said that when his car was rounding a bend, he was suddenly confronted by ten men with levelled rifles. He was forced to alight and was led away to the hills on foot. He had to march all night. An hour after his capture a few-flying aeroplanes passed overhead, and he was made to crouch low amidst the boulders.

During his period of captivity, the band marched at night time and



SONJA HENIE

\$3,000,000 Court Writ Against Film Star

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.

SONJA HENIE, the former ice-skating champion of the world, and now a popular film star, has been named co-defendant in an action for \$3,000,000 damages.

The action has been brought on behalf of Fred Walton, ex-vaudiville artiste, alleging that the Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corporation, and four subsidiary companies, pirated a film plot.

Walton declares that the film "Thin Ice," starring Sonja Henie, was taken from a story which, he claims, was written by him and rejected by a film-story agent two years before "Thin Ice" was produced.—Reuter.

FRANCE ADAMANT AGAINST ITALY'S AFRICA DEMANDS

LONDON, Dec. 29.

THE IMMINENCE of Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome on January 11 is arousing interest in the attitude of the Powers concerned regarding Italy's demands on France.

M. Cambon, the French Charge d'Affaires paid his usual daily visit to the Foreign Office to-day, exchanging views with British officials, says "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

It is understood that he repeated France's contention that Italy's present demands are such that they must be solved by France herself.

PREMIER'S OPTIMISM FOR 1939

Trials Of 1938 Were
Outweighed By Gains

LONDON, Dec. 29.

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN feels that if the past year has brought its trials, these are outweighed by the gains.

He expresses this view in a New Year message to "Home and Empire," the official Conservative Party magazine.

In referring to re-armament, he says: "Our armed strength enables us to say in the councils of nations that in seeking friendship with all peoples, we shall meet in a spirit of reasonableness and fair dealing, but we will not make concessions to force."

Referring to the past year, Mr. Chamberlain says: "Rejecting the view that war is inevitable, and that our only task is to prepare for it, I have consistently sought to remove the possible causes of war, and by direct consultation and discussion, to secure a new and fuller measure of confidence and understanding between the nations."

"My hope and aim is that, by this means, the international problems of our time may be settled in a spirit of conciliation and co-operation."—Reuter.

NEW U.S. BASE FOR NAVY IS POSSIBLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

IT is authoritatively stated that the Navy Department has a project for the establishment of an auxiliary air base on Palmyra Island, south of Honolulu, if it is at all secureable at a reasonable cost.

Navy Department officials admitted that the owner of the island, Mrs. Fullard Leo, recently conferred with a high naval official, but they declined to reveal details of the conference. She also visited the Interior Department of the State Department.

Well-informed observers state that the navy wants Palmyra as a secondary base to strengthen the Hawaiian defences, and they would probably station several men there. It is now known whether the Navy would lease, or attempt to purchase the island. The last Congress authorised \$25,000 for an unspecified island, but the funds were not voted, and it is believed they were meant for the Palmyra Island, although the amount is probably insufficient to undertake an extensive development.—United Press.

N. CHINA RAILWAY SERVICES SUSPENDED

Peiping, Dec. 30.

All passenger and freight traffic on the Peiping-Hankow (north to south) Railway has been suspended for six days to facilitate Japanese troop movements according to Chinese quarters.

Japanese military quarters, however, are reluctant and it is not known whether the troops are moving in, or out of China.—Reuter.

Although restoration of friendly relations between France and Italy is of primary interest to Britain as a Mediterranean Power, there has never been any question of Mr. Chamberlain mediating between the two countries during his visit to Rome.

British circles recognise France's determination to look after her own interests, and her attitude is approved, extremely close contact being maintained by the British and French governments.

Discussion of Franco-Italian relations is not precluded during Mr. Chamberlain's visit, however, since Britain's pact with Italy is directly concerned with any threatened disturbance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

WILL NOT MAKE CONCESSIONS

London, Dec. 29.

Well-informed diplomatic circles have predicted that France will not make the slightest concession to Italy, and it is pointed out that France, despite her superficial political differences, is as united on this issue as on any important international issue since the world war.

Some observers said they appreciated that Mussolini is not bluffing. (Continued on Page 4.)

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Further Late News

'War Orphans' Complete Long Trek

CHUNGKING, Dec. 29.

Five hundred "war orphans", who recently completed a long journey up-river from the war zones, and now housed in the Wan So Buddhist temple in the heart of Chungking, this afternoon celebrated a belated Christmas party under the direction of Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

While grey-clothed youths with red arm bands brought themselves smartly to attention, with wooden clubs representing rifles, and the youngsters stood and saluted, Madame Chiang walked swiftly through the portals of the centuries-old temple to the stage, where she was seated under a gaily decorated Christmas tree. She watched the children present plays, and heard them sing, while General Thordor Lu, who supervised the film of "Good Earth" in Hollywood, told them of the birth of Christ.—United Press.

Hongkong's Driest Year In Half Century

HONGKONG'S DRIEST YEAR for nearly half a century ends at midnight to-morrow, unless more than half an inch of rain falls between now and then.

It is now practically certain that 1938 will go down as the second driest year in the Colony since the Royal Observatory started to record annual rainfalls in 1864.

Up to 10 o'clock this morning the total rainfall for the year was 55.35 inches, which compares with the lowest ever of 45.935 inches in 1895, and with 55.785 inches in 1901. It will need nearly half an inch of rain during the next 30 hours to make the 1938 total exceed that of 37 years ago.

Only three times before during the past 54 years has the annual rainfall been less than 60 inches. The average is 65.156 inches.

SMALLEST TOTALS

The smallest totals on record are: 45.935 inches in 1895, 55.785 inches in 1901, 57.025 inches in 1898, 55.945 inches in 1923, 52.235 in 1912, and 66.980 in 1887.

An interesting comparison is provided by the heaviest rainfalls. The

REMARKABLE DECEMBER

December, 1938 has also been one of the most remarkable months for absence of rain for several years. Only on one day was any rainfall

"MEAN-SOULED" MAN'S FIANCEE ON APPROVAL

—"Tortuous Mind" Says Judge

SCATHING remarks about a husband who, when engaged, induced his fiancée to sign a document of "courtship on probation," were made in the Divorce Court recently by Mr. Justice Langton, granting a decree nisi to Mrs. Mabel Annie Margaret Davies, of Crown Street, Morriston, Swansea.

She sought divorce from her husband, David Ellis Davies, on the ground of cruelty, and alternatively asked for a decree of nullity, alleging that her husband had wilfully refused to consummate the marriage.

The husband denied this and counter-charged his wife with cruelty towards him.

He denied that he had refused to consummate the marriage and alleged that his wife had refused.

Mrs. Davies denied her husband's allegations.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies were married on March 31, 1934, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Chapel, Swansea, and lived together at Sketty, Swansea.

The case for Mrs. Davies was that her husband assaulted her while she lived with him and she left him in May, 1934. A separation agreement was entered into on September 18 of that year.

"DISGRACEFUL LETTERS"

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Langton rejected the husband's allegation that evidence given by impartial witnesses was a tissue of lies, and that he was a victim of conspiracy between neighbours.

Over a series of years Davies had written letters to his wife which were a disgrace to any man.

"They have no reason in them, and I am sure they have no truth in them," said the judge. "They constitute, on his own evidence, a mere farrago of rubbish."

"They are false all through, and the uncontrolled freedom and fury with which he flings charges about, without any evidence at all to substantiate them, against all and sundry, shows that he is a man mean, spiteful and, to use his own favourite expression, 'vindictive' and very inoffensive."

"I regard his conduct as beyond excuse. It is said he was labouring under strong emotion. That may be in some way palliation. The husband is a school teacher and a religious teacher, and with all these advantages he seems to me to have made a miserable show."

"THIS IS TO CERTIFY—"

During the period of courtship Mr. Davies received, as he said, the following certificate from his fiancée: "This is to certify that my fiancée and I resume our courtship on probation as a disengaged couple from the beginning of April, 1932, and that my retention of the engagement ring is by no means an indication that I am engaged until I receive some other definite evidence from him to this effect."

It was not surprising, said the judge, that Mrs. Davies had said that she did not write this of her own accord.

It was not easy to imagine that any man would have been so mean-souled as to ask the girl to whom he was engaged to sign such a document.

"I am satisfied that he concocted this document so that he might have something in his favour in case he wanted to break off the engagement. I think that is an excellent indication of Mr. Davies's character."

NOT GENUINE

Later, Mr. Davies, following just the same line, and after he had been separated from his wife, persuaded her to write a letter in which she expressed sorrow for what she had said and done.

Just what was in his tortuous mind at that time the judge did not pretend to know.

It was clear there was nothing genuine in his mind when he made a suggestion that he wished his wife to return and resume married life.

"It is again a manoeuvre—one of that class of really mean manoeuvres of which Mr. Davies seems to be a master. He hoped to manoeuvre her into a position in which he would be able to get some financial advantage."



Members of the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. who gathered for a Christmas party on the Club grounds.—Ming Yuen.

29-Year-Old Bride For Knight Of 81

Notice has been given at a London register office of the forthcoming marriage of Sir Andrew Hilslop Pettigrew, 81-year-old widower, of St. Andrew's Club, Whitehall Court, S.W., and Miss Joan Cottam, aged 28, of Gloucester Place, N.W.

The wedding is to take place at the Marylebone Presbyterian Church, George Street, Brynston Square.

into a position in which he would be able to get some financial advantage. "The correspondence shows that he is possessed of a most fantastic imagination," the judge added. "He apparently goes about the world under the impression that people are plotting against him. He seems to have a totally exaggerated sense of his own importance."

"SLANDER WITH IMPUNITY"

"He uses his pen to slander other people with considerable impunity. It is as well that he should be warned that this is a dangerous method of procedure."

Mr. Justice Langton said he believed Mr. Davies had refused to consummate the marriage "because of some freakish imagination of his own. He did not believe his story that the wife had refused."

Upon that issue alone Mrs. Davies was entitled to a decree of nullity.

As to the issue of cruelty, again her story rang true. "I believed this man did kick his wife," said the judge. "There was no condonation and she never went back to her husband after he was cruel to her."

City Murder Charge Acquittal

BUDD'S COUNSEL RECEIVES £15 15s.

ONLY 15 guineas was received by Mr. St. John Hutchinson, eminent K.C., for defending Horace Budd, 29-year-old engineer, of Hacton Drive, Hornchurch (Essex), who was found not guilty of murder at the Old Bailey recently.

Mr. Justice Asquith, who said he would recommend that the jury should be exempted from further service for seven years, added that he thought publicity should be given to the fact that defending counsel and solicitors, who had worked so well and so hard for Budd, received only nominal fees under the Poor Persons Act.

Mr. R. Blundell, junior counsel for the defence, received only ten guineas for his work and the solicitors only ten guineas.

This involved not only four days' appearance at the trial but preparation and study of the evidence.

COUNSEL'S SKILL

Had Mr. St. John Hutchinson been briefed in the ordinary way his skill would have earned him a high fee. Eminent counsel have received as much as 1,000 guineas for defending people charged with murder and other serious offences.

Budd, who was charged with the murder of his friend, Francis Cyril Newlands, a steward at Temple Chambers, E.C., was kept waiting two and a half hours before the jury reached a verdict.

After he had been told he was a free man he thanked the judge and the jury and left the dock to meet his mother and relatives outside the court.

HER TEARS

Crying, "Oh, my dear boy, my dear boy," his mother burst into tears of relief as she saw him walking towards her. Both thanked police officers of the court for the consideration shown to them during their long ordeal.

Budd said: "This is a just verdict."

Oh! Mister Porter

A distraught mother told the stationmaster at Reading recently that the train in which she was travelling to London had moved off while she was in the refreshment room buying milk for her five-month-old baby, whom she had left in charge of another woman passenger.

Mr. J. C. Fenner, the stationmaster, immediately telephoned London to have the train met and the baby cared for.

With tears in her eyes, the mother, Mrs. Johnson, of Bridgewater, Somerset, waited at Reading until the arrival of the next train to London. When she reached Paddington she found her baby safe and happy in the arms of the waiting-room attendant.

WINKING WOMAN AWARDED £1,500

Complaining that she had acquired an embarrassing wink as the result of a motor-car accident, a Wembley schoolmistress was awarded £1,500 damages in the King's Bench Division recently.

She is Miss Emily Mounsey, of Empire Court, Wembley Park.

She sued Mr. Frank Chao, formerly a professional ice hockey player, who was driving her car at the time. Mr. W. A. R. Moody, Dalryell Road, Stockwell, owner of the other car involved, and Mr. Frederick George Gaywood, Fenwick Road, East Dulwich, who was driving Mr. Moody's car.

Shortly after midnight on September 9, 1937, Mr. Chao was driving Miss Mounsey back to Wembley from Bromley when the cars collided in Peckham. Each driver blamed the other.

SCARS

Miss Mounsey, who was thrown through a window of her car, was badly cut and scars were still visible on her face and neck.

Sir Harold Gillies, the plastic surgeon, said that some of the scars could be removed at a cost of 100 guineas.

Miss Mounsey said that as a result of an injury to a nerve she often gave the impression that she was winking.

"It is very embarrassing at times," she said. Before the accident she led an athletic life as a swimmer and diver.

The jury found negligence by Mr. Gaywood.

Judgment was entered for Miss Mounsey against Mr. Gaywood for £1,500 with costs.

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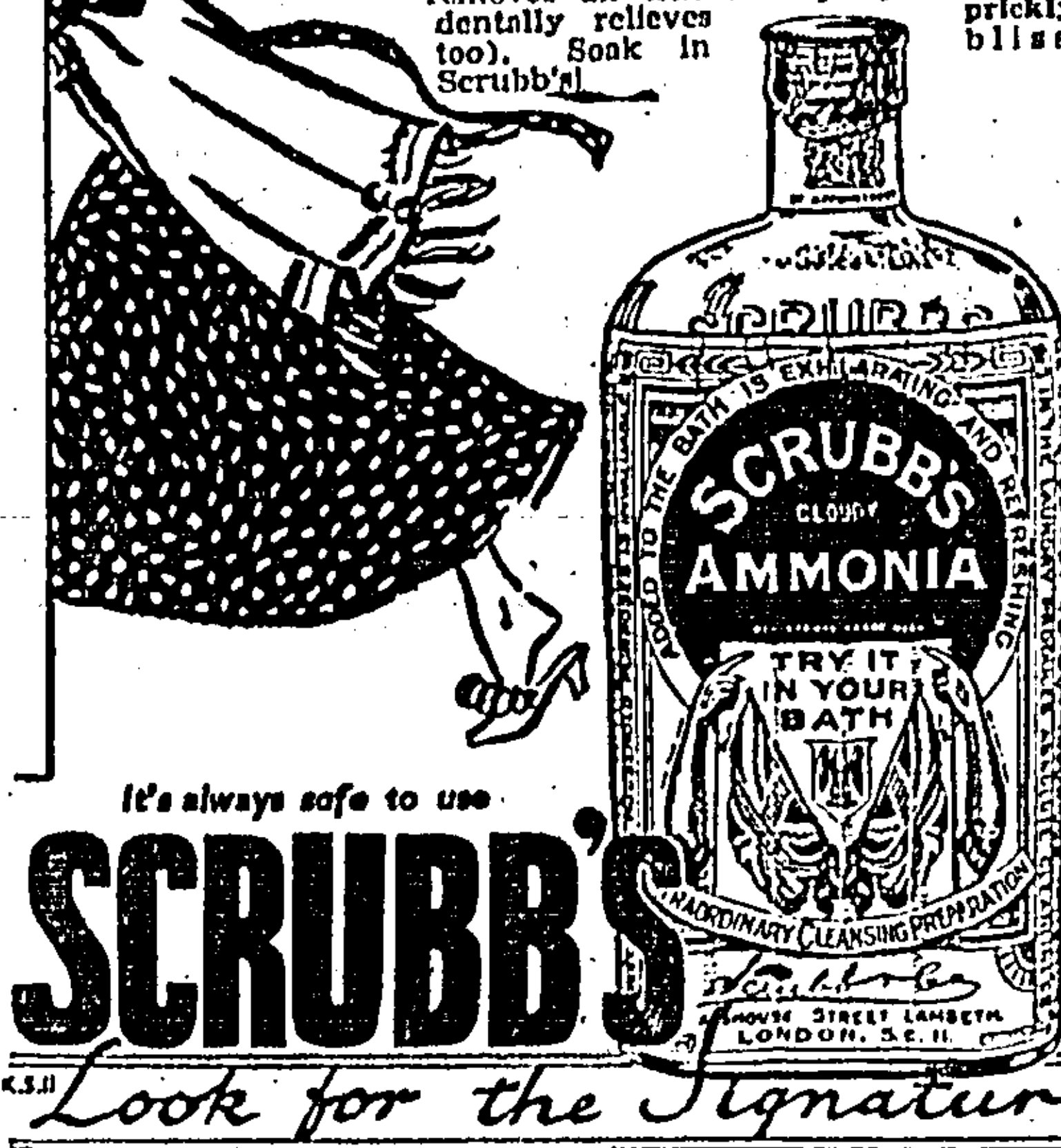
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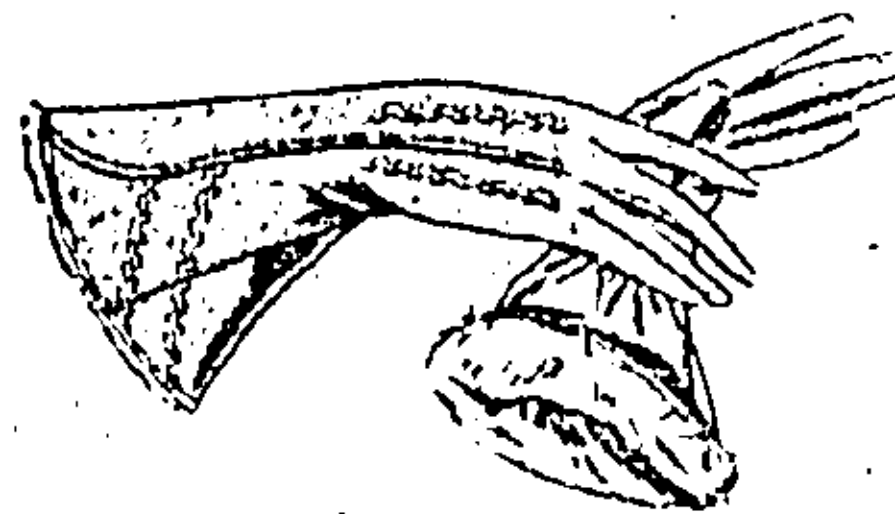
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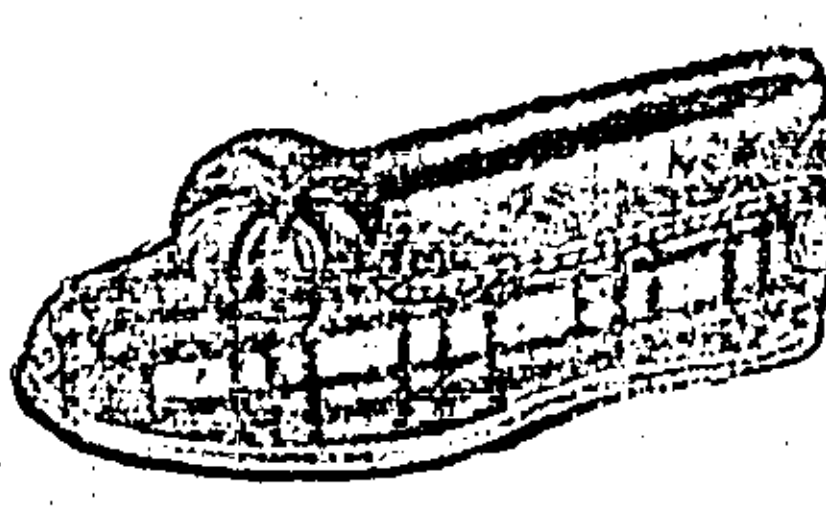
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SECONDARY SCHOOL REFORM IN BRITAIN PROPOSED

Experts Suggest Drastic Changes

LONDON, Dec. 29.
IN a report of an inquiry which has been proceeding for five years the Consultative Committee expresses the view that secondary education in the past has been too exclusively academic. They recommend a new type of school to be called "technical high school" to take selected boys at 11, and to provide a 5-years' course.

In the first two years the curriculum will be similar to other secondary schools and the later course will follow on more modern lines, with science as its central feature.

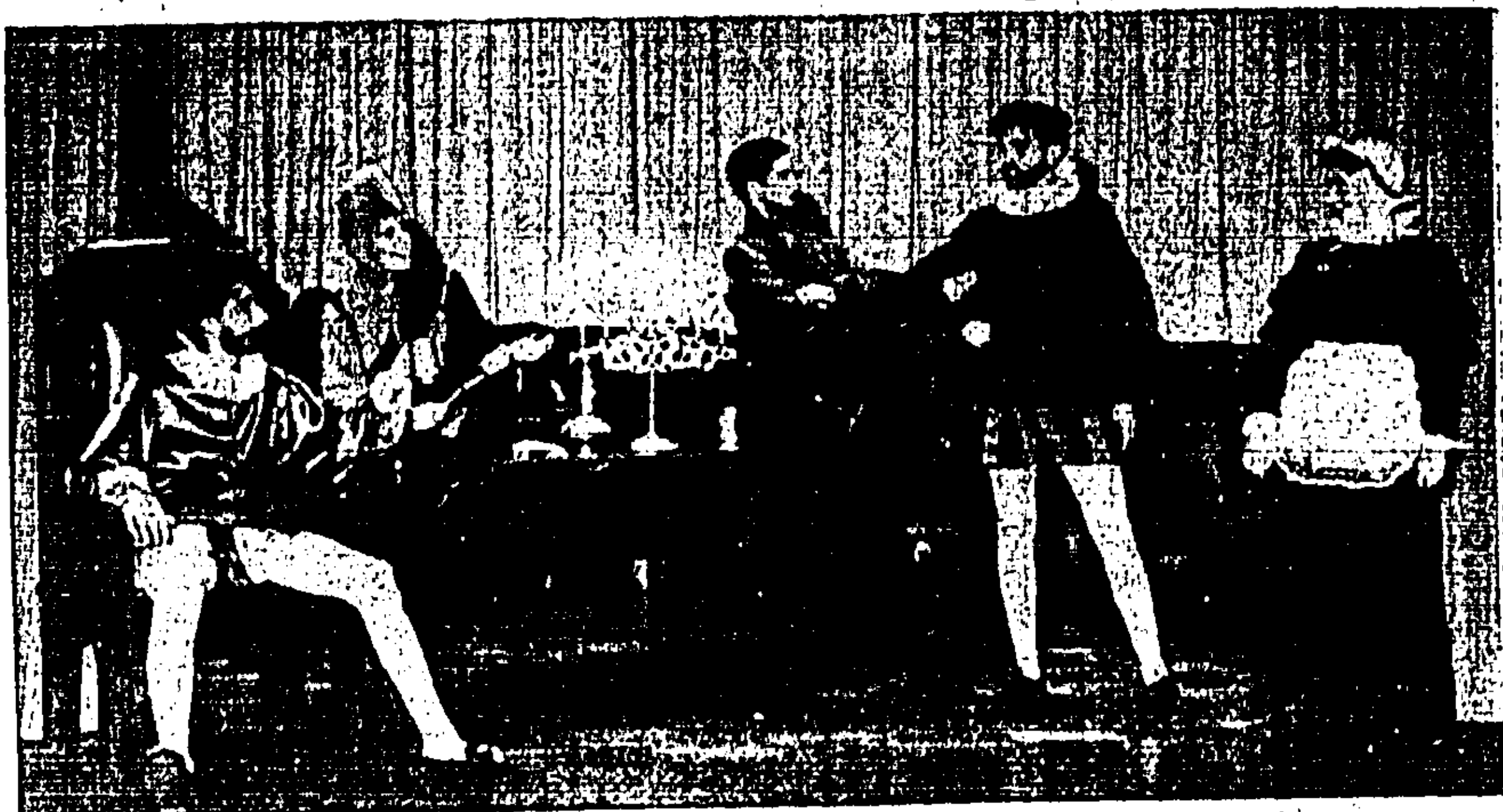
A new type of internal examination, with a leaving certificate to be taken at 16, is suggested.

Technical high schools are to be developed out of the present junior technical schools in building and engineering, and they will be equivalent in status to grammar schools.

The committee consider grammar schools should continue as hitherto, to provide education mainly for boys and girls likely to go to the university, and they urge greater freedom be allowed schools in shaping their curriculum.

Suggestions for ensuring that pupils shall be allowed their individual tastes and capacities are made, and the committee stress the importance of good teaching of spoken and written English as a central feature of the curriculum in these schools.

Looking beyond these immediate proposals, the committee favour a single national system of schools for pupils between 11 and 16. In this system there would be grammar schools, technical high schools, modern selective schools, and senior schools. They think that ultimately all these types should be under one secondary code.—British Wireless.



The two photographs above were taken at the recent Christmas play presented by the elder pupils of the Central British School.—King's Studio

Demand Return Of Territory

Bratislava, Dec. 29.
The demand for the return of Czecho-Slovak territory transferred to Hungary is to be made at a big demonstration to be held here on Saturday.

The demonstration is organised by Dr. Karl Sidor, the deputy Premier of Czecho-Slovakia.—Reuter.

FRENCH WARSHIP HERE

The French warship Savorgnan de Brazza arrived from Shanghai this morning for a short stay.
A salute of 21 guns to the country was replied to by Blackhead Fort and a second salute of 15 guns to the Commander-in-Chief, was answered by H.M.S. Kent.

India Renounces The Ottawa Agreement

LONDON, Dec. 29.

THE British Board of Trade stated to-day that the Indian Government has denounced the trade agreement signed between Great Britain and India in August, 1932 in Ottawa, as from March 31, 1939.

It is recalled that the Indian Government in May, 1936 wanted to discontinue this trade agreement, but refrained from doing so, anticipating that a new treaty would soon be signed. Negotiations have been going on for some considerable time but so far without definite result.

The British Minister for Overseas Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, stated recently in the House of Commons that denunciation of the Ottawa Agreement by the Indian Government had no ill effect on the pending negotiations for a new treaty.—Trans-Ocean.

Premier's Holiday In Yorkshire

London, Dec. 29.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Chamberlain left London this afternoon for a short holiday in Yorkshire, where they will be the guests of Lord and Lady Swinton. Mr. Chamberlain will return to London early in the New Year prior to his departure on January 10 for Rome.—British Wireless.

BROKER EXPELLED

New York, Dec. 29.
The Stock Exchange authorities announce the expulsion of J. A. Sisto, a member of the Exchange since 1931, who has been found guilty of conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade.—Reuter.

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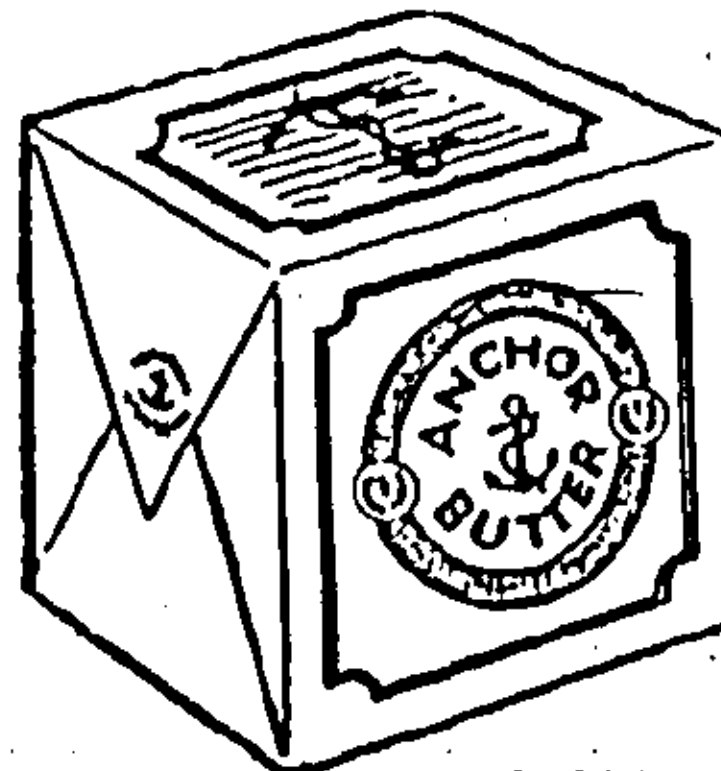
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks, S. E.	1425 b.
H.K. Banks, L. E.	86 1/2 n.
Chartered E.	9 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. E.	27 3/4 n.
Mercantile, C. E.	13 n.
East Asia E.	88 n.
INSURANCE	
Canton S.	200 b.
Union S.	485 n.
China Underwriters etc.	70 n.
H.K. Fire S.	178 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas, S.	103 b.
Steamboats S.	118 n.
Indo-China, P.	500 n.
Indo-China, D.	324 n.
Shell Bearer S/-	80/10 1/4 n.
Waterboats S.	\$0 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves S.	115 b.
Docks (old) S.	118 1/2 n.
Docks (new) S.	176 n.
Providents (old) S.	50 3/5 n.
Providents (new) S.	61 1/5 n.
New Eng. Sh.	\$5.00 n.
Sha. Docks, Sh.	\$100 n.
MINING	
Kailan S/-	17/0 n.
Hauba S.	\$9.33 n.
Venz Goldfield S.	\$3 n.
Hongkong Mines S.	1/2 n.
Antamoka P.	20 1/2 n.
Atoka P.	23 1/2 n.
Baguio Gold P.	23 1/2 n.
Benguet Con. P.	14 3/4 n.
Coco Grove P.	51 n.
Con. Mines P.	51 n.
Demonstrations P.	51 n.
L.K.L. P.	55 n.
Gumau P.	13 n.
San Maurice P.	178 n.
Suyoc Conso P.	10 1/2 n.
Paracales P.	62 n.
LANDS	
Hotels S.	7 s.
Land 4% deb. S.	30 1/2 n.
Shui Lands Sh. S.	107 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities S.	59 n.
H.K. Realities S.	51 n.
Chinese Estates S.	\$00 n.
UTILITIES	
Tram S.	17.40 n.
Peak Trams (old) S.	\$9 3/4 n.
Peak Trams (new) S.	\$3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries S.	\$71 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (old) S.	\$22 3/4 n.
Y. Ferries (new) S.	\$22 3/4 n.
China Light S.	5.50 n.
China Light Rights S.	3.70 n.
H.K. Electric S.	57 n.
Macao Electric S.	17 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights S.	10.60 n.
Telephone (old) S.	23 b.
Telephone (new) S.	\$6.00 n.
Traction S.	21/3 n.
Singapore Free S.	25/- n.
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Macg. (ord.) S.	\$14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.) S.	\$13 n.
Canton Ice S.	\$1.70 n.
Cements S.	15.75 b.
Ropes S.	\$4.25 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms S.	\$24.50 n.
Watsons S.	7.60 b.
Lane Crawford S.	8 n.
Sinceres S.	\$2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) S.	\$30 n.
Powell, Ltd. etc. S.	90 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Cotton Ex. rt. Sh. S.	16 1/4 n.
Shui Cotton Sh. S.	104 n.
Zongg Singa S.	24 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. S.	40 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments S.	0.90 n.
Constructions S.	13 1/4 n.
Vibro Piling S.	6.50 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 S.	76 1/4 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan .06% p.m. S.	par b.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% par b.	par b.
Marsmans (Lon.) S/-	16/9 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) S/-	3/- n.

U.S. Launches Big Anti-Spy Drive

Washington, Dec. 29. The Treasury Department has announced that Mr. G. T. Helvering, the Commissioner for Internal Revenue, has ordered thousands of Treasury investigators in all departments, and various law-enforcement agencies to keep a sharp watch for espionage activities, in accordance with President Roosevelt's recent request for a strengthening of America's anti-spy defences.—Reuter.

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NOTICE.

ARMS LICENCES

Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1939 (Fee \$10.00 per licence). Licencees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Holidays excepted), with their licences.

T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.
30th December, 1938.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, the 2nd January, 1939. (The First week-day in January).

Hongkong, 28th December, 1938.

RA.O.B. (G.L.E.) CLUB

The Committee wish it to be generally known that with effect from 1st January, 1939, the club is re-constituted. The committee extend a cordial and hearty invitation to all members R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) to visit and attend the club.

Particulars regarding membership and subscriptions may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary or from members of the Committee.

D. A. PETERS,
Hon. Secretary.
December 22, 1938.

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Cathedral Christmas Tree

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I should be grateful if through your columns I could thank all donors of gifts to the Christmas Tree.

Individual gifts of money have been acknowledged separately where we have known the donors. Gifts in kind and anonymous gifts of money are hereby acknowledged most gratefully.

The Societies receiving these gifts have expressed their great appreciation of the kindness both of children and adults who made it possible for so many poor people to receive Christmas gifts.

J. L. Wilson,
Dean.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was a steady market during the day and a fair volume of business was transacted. The lower priced stocks were again most in favour, with sales reported at slightly improving rates. A substantial gain was registered in H.K. Banks, shares changing hands at \$1,420/1,425, with sellers asking \$1,430. Appearances at the close indicate a continuance of the steadiness displayed during the day.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,415
Watsons \$105
H.K. & K. Wharves \$110
H.K. Docks (Old) \$10 1/2
H.K. Docks (New) \$10 1/2
Providents (Old) \$5 1/2
Providents (New) \$5 1/2
H.K. & K. Hotels \$5 1/2
H.K. Lands \$3 1/2
H.K. Realities \$17.40
China Lights \$9 1/2
China Lights Rights \$3.00
H.K. Electric \$57
Telephone (Old) \$23
Telephone (New) \$6.00
Watsons \$7.60
Entertainments \$0.90
Vibro Piling \$6.50
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 0.06% p.m.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan par

Sellers

Hongkong Bank \$1,420/25
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FRANCE ADAMANT AGAINST ITALY'S AFRICA DEMANDS

(Continued from Page 1.)

although they stressed that there is not much evidence that Germany would go far to support the Italian claims.

Diplomatic circles treat with the greatest reserve the Rome reports that Mussolini will ask Mr. Chamberlain to use his good offices to obtain concessions from France.

It is understood that M. Corbin, the French Ambassador to London, plans to visit Mr. Chamberlain or Viscount Halifax during the next few days to make the French viewpoint absolutely clear.—United Press.

FRENCH ACTION ON SYRIA

Paris, Dec. 29. M. Daladier has decided to take immediate action on the Syrian question, with which is bound up the whole Mediterranean strategic situation.

A special commission of four members is to be despatched in the immediate future to make enquiries on the spot with a view to the drawing-up of a new Franco-Syrian agreement.—Reuter.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York Cotton	
Jan. (1939)	8.36b/43a
Mar. (1939)	8.44/43
May (1939)	8.24/23
July (1939)	7.97/97
Oct. (1939)	7.65/65
Dec. (1939)	7.69/69
Spot	8.85 N
New York Rubber	
Mar. (1939)	16.50/52
May	16.37b/44a
Sept.	16.30b/36a
Oct.	16.32b/38a
Sales for the day	1,730 tons.
Chicago Wheat	
May	68 3/4/68 3/4
July	68 1/2/68 1/2
Sept.	68 1/2/68 1/2
Wednesday's Sales	11,537,000 bushels.
Chicago Corn	
May	53 1/4/53 1/4
July	54 1/4/54 1/4
Sept.	54 1/4/54 1/4
Winnipeg Wheat	
Dec.	61 3/4/61 3/4
May	63 1/4/63 1/4
July	64/63 3/4
Sept.	64/63 3/4

To Club Session On Stretcher

Crescent, Okla. Everybody reached the Crescent Women's Study club meeting before the hostess, Mrs. Oscar Brewster, but she had a good reason for being late. She was carried in on a stretcher with her arm in a cast. It was revealed that just before the first guest had arrived Mrs. Brewster fell from a chair, breaking her arm.

Exchange At A Glance

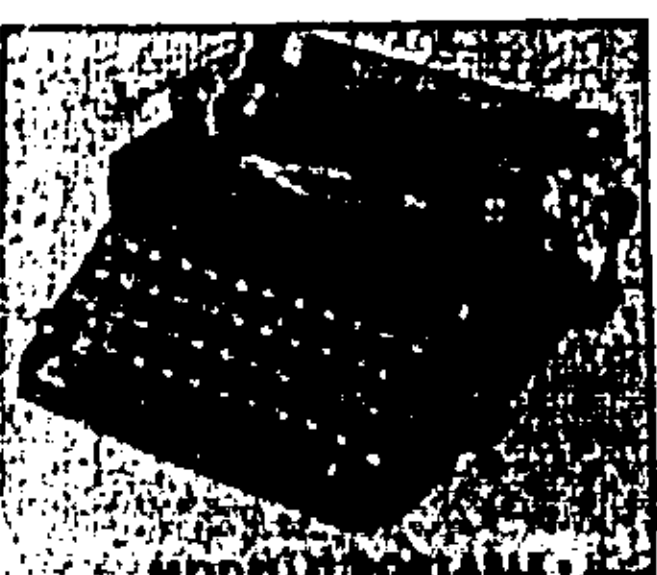
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T.T. Manila	57 1/2
T.T. Batavia	52 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	100
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T.T. Australia	178 1/4

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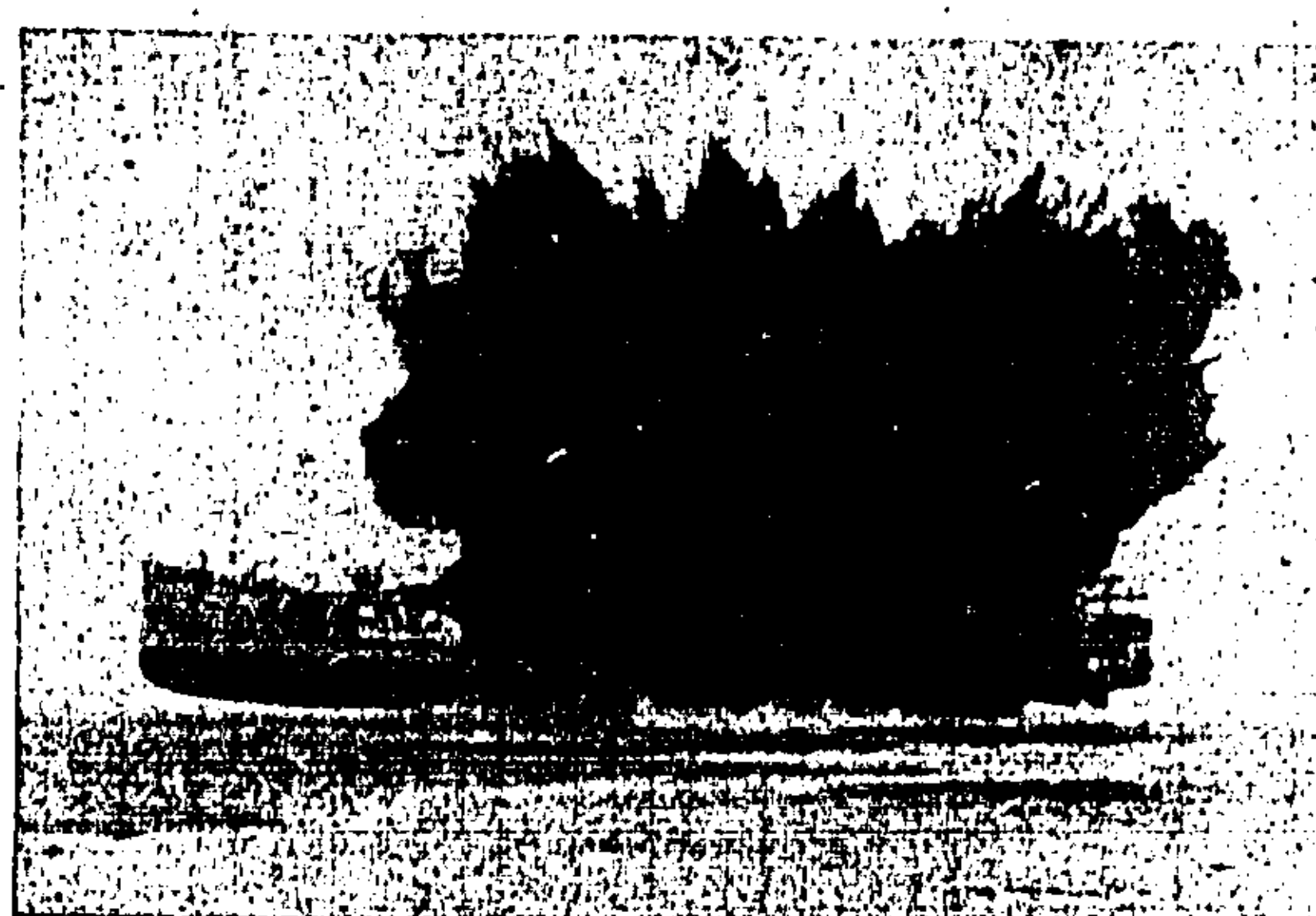
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4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	20 1/2
4 m/s France	11.45
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.65 1/2

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A SHIP LIFTED ABOVE WATER BY A BOMB EXPLOSION.—During their campaign in China the Japanese air force have made a practice of systematically bombing Chinese vessels plying up and down the River Yangtze. The above photograph—which is one of the most amazing of its kind that has ever been secured—was taken just at the moment when a heavy bomb fell alongside a small steamer, and shows how the tremendous force of the explosion lifted the vessel clean out of the water!

Man's "Grimaces" at Duchess of Norfolk

POLICE are investigating a complaint that the Duchess of Norfolk was followed round the stalls by a young man who "made grimaces at her" when she opened a hospital fair at Hove Town Hall recently.

The man, who was well dressed, several times looked at the Duchess in a strange way, and was continually close behind her.

In order to avoid embarrassing the organisers of the fair the Duchess said nothing at the time, but mentioned the matter to the Duke when she returned to Arundel Castle.

The Duke communicated with the hospital authorities. "MISTAKEN FOR DETECTIVE" Stall-holders and others noticed the young man whom they took to be connected with the official party.

A helper at the fair said: "I thought the man was perhaps a private detective or something of the kind."

"I gather the Duchess did not say anything at the time because she thought the man was in some way connected with the fair or had been employed by the organisers. He was not known."

British Protest To Insurgents

London, Dec. 29. The British Government has lodged a protest with the Franco Government against detainment of the Greek steamer, Atlas at Palma de Majorca.

Although the ship is not British, part of the cargo worth £10,000 is British-owned, and a large part of the cargo is insured in England.—Trans-Ocean.

INDEMNITY CLAIM

London, Dec. 29. General Franco has expressed his views to the British Government concerning payment of indemnity for the loss inflicted on British shipping by Spanish insurgents. It is learned in authoritative circles.

General Franco's reply will be communicated to a committee of British ship-owners trading with Spain after examination by the Foreign Office.—Trans-Ocean.

CONFIDENTIAL PLAN FOR INDEMNITY

London, Dec. 29. It is learned that the British Government has under consideration the reply received from General Franco concerning the question of the payment of compensation for damage done to British ships trading with Spain.

It is understood that the note will be submitted to the committee of British ship-owners trading with Spain for their consideration tomorrow.

The compensation plan is confidential, but "Reuter" understands that it is an elaboration of the previous plan under which compensation was paid in the case where bombing was considered to be deliberate by a Commission set up specially to adjudicate. The previous plan broke down after it was learned that General Franco intended that compensations should not be paid immediately, but after the war had concluded.—Reuter.

ANOTHER BRITISH STEAMER BOMBED

London, Dec. 29. Lloyd's radio station at Gibraltar has intercepted an S.O.S. message from the British steamer, Marlonia, stating that the vessel had been the victim of a bombing attack west of Ibiza, and that the crew had taken to the boats.

No further details are available.—Trans-Ocean.

Fancy Dress Party Gay Function in Aid Of Refugees

A delightful fancy dress party for children was held in the West Lounge of the European Young Men's Christian Association, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the destitute refugee children in the Colony.

The highlight of the afternoon was a version of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" presented by Miss Jean Greig (who made such a hit in "Ruddigore" as Mad Margaret), and the ship's company of H.M.S. Eagle.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the selection of Mickey Mouse cartoons which were screened, the Lounge being turned into a temporary cinema for the occasion. There were also a number of side-shows, including lucky dips, fish ponds and so on. The antics of the clowns added to the fun of the party.

BIG CHRISTMAS MAIL Millions of Letters Sent During Last Week

London, Dec. 29. The Post Office states that 75,500,000 letters were posted during Christmas week, while between December 18 and 23 the number of parcels posted daily amounted to 900,000. Despite the heavier mails and difficulties due to snow and cold weather, the Post Office was able to deliver all the letters on time.

Among the letters was a large number addressed to Santa Claus. These, as usual, were opened by sorters and presents sent to the most deserving cases from a fund which the sorters collected.—Reuter Bulletin.

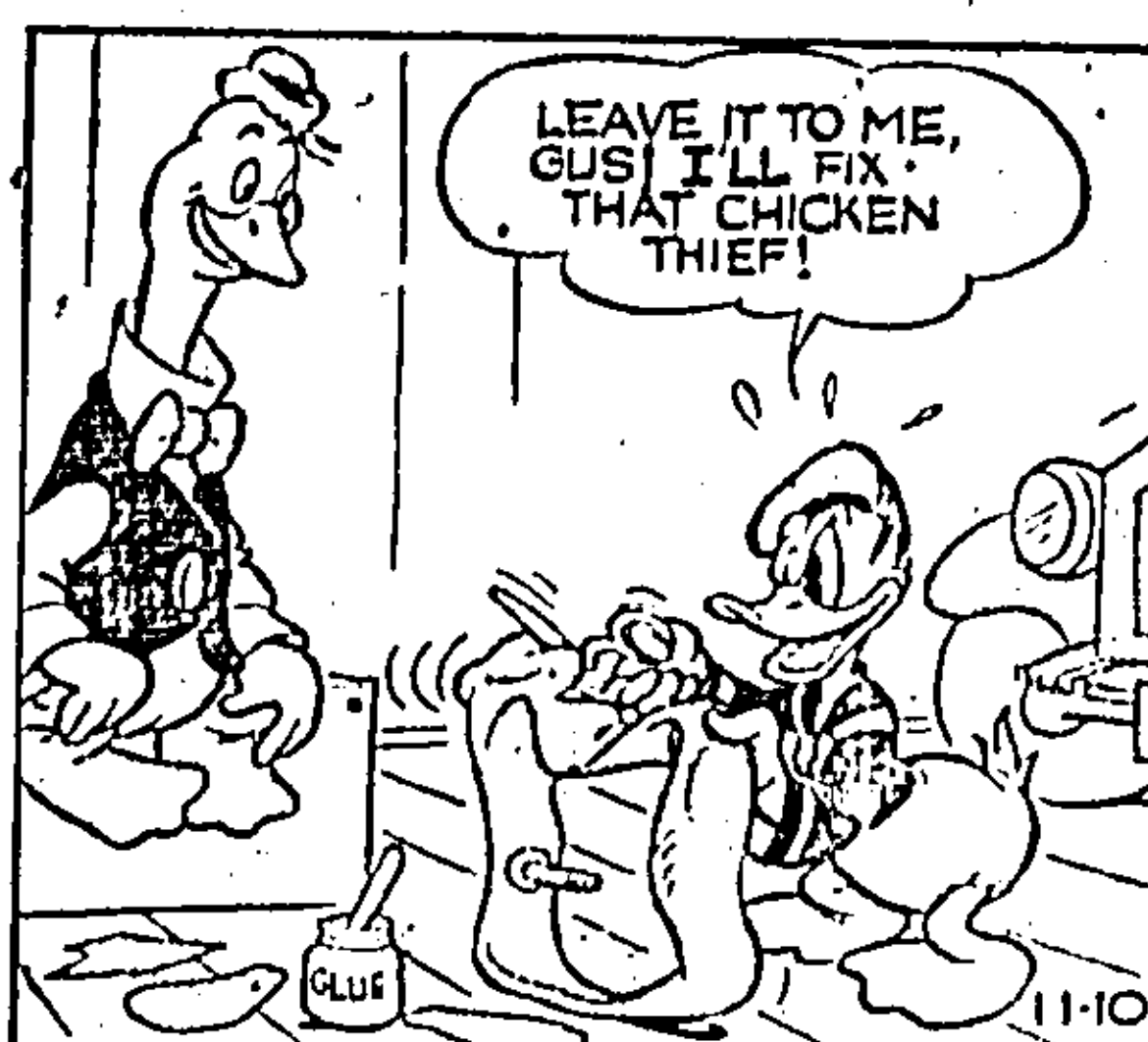
HEALTH BULLETIN

One case each of Cholera (from the New Territories), Smallpox and Meningitis, two cases of Diphtheria, and four cases of Puerperal Fever, were reported to the Health authorities on Wednesday. The local Cholera cases to date total 547.

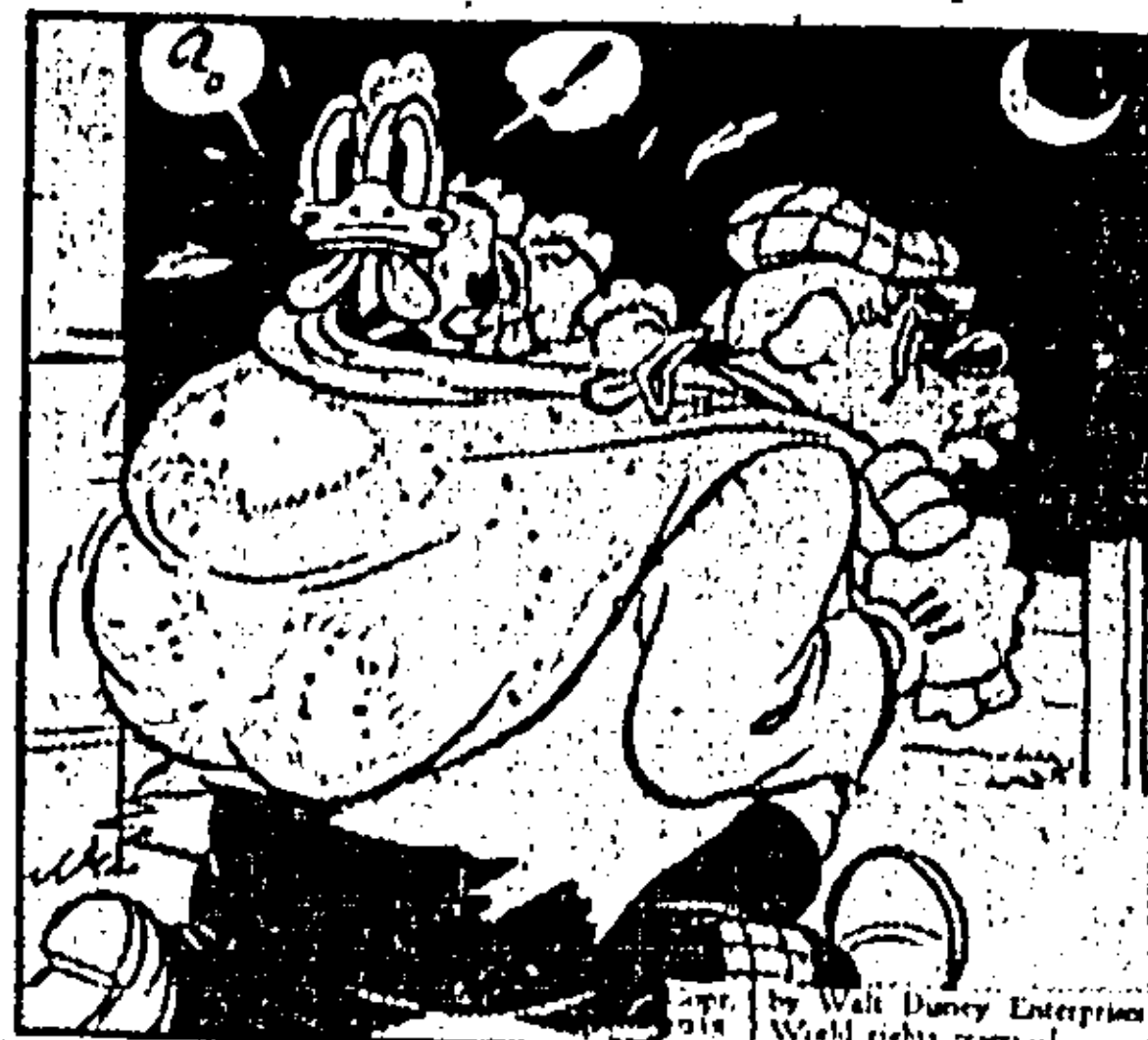
For the week ended last Saturday, the following notifiable diseases were reported:—12 cases of Small-pox with eight deaths (one imported); 11 cases of Diphtheria with two deaths, three cases of Typhoid, 11 cases of Measles with three deaths, four cases of Chicken-pox, eight cases of Meningitis with one death, 18 cases of Dysentery with seven deaths, five cases of Puerperal Fever. There were also 110 deaths from Tuberculosis.

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FRANCE NEEDS REAL AIR FORCE DICTATOR DECLARES SENATOR

Re-Arming Methods Keenly Criticised

PARIS, Dec. 29.
DEALING with the air estimates in the Senate to-day, Senator De La Grange wound up his criticisms of the Government's air armament policy with a demand for "a real dictator to build up the air strength of France".

As a member of the Senate's Commission for aviation, he complained of the low salaries paid to aeronautical experts engaged by the technical department of the French Air Ministry. "There had been a further reduction," he said, in the general staff of the French air force.

France, he declared, was still in arrears in the building up of a strong air force which would not have been the case if the Government had paid more attention to the demands of the Senate in the past.

Last year, he revealed, France had spent a total of one milliard francs in modernising equipment in aeroplanes, and in the construction of aeroplanes, in order to make possible the construction of machines in series. It was necessary for France to turn out at least 500 planes a month. But before this could be done, the Government would have to appoint a real air dictator, who would enjoy the full confidence and backing of the chief of the air staff, and who would have to possess a wide practical experience of aircraft production.

Senator Laurent Eynac predicted that already in 1939 France would have an air force capable of holding its own with any potential enemy. France, he said, would do well to imitate England's example of a monthly output of 300 machines. Replying to Senator De La Grange, the Minister of Air, M. Guynier, declared that the French aviation industry has the "dictator" demanded by the Senator in the person of President Caudot. The Minister declared that he was ready to take certain preliminary mobilisation measures for the air service, but he pointed out the difficulty of mobilising one branch of the industry while others, closely linked up with it, were unmobilised. The air budget was then passed by the Senate.—Trans-Ocean.

Prague-Breslau Railways Scheme

Prague, Dec. 29.
The Czech Government plans construction of a new railway from Prague, via Gitschin to Neupack, which is at the German frontier, and from where Germany will build a continuance line to Breslau. This direct connection between Prague and Breslau had been contemplated before the world war, but never realised.—Trans-Ocean.

S'hai Municipal Council Official Resigns

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.
THE American-born Secretary-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, Mr. Stirling Fessenden, has announced that he is retiring from the post on June 30, after 18 years service, 10 of which he has served as Secretary-General.

The agout-respected lawyer added: "I am 64. I have served for 18 years with the Council. We must make way for the promotion of younger men. I do not like to block their promotion for ever."

He said that he had reached the age of retirement, and therefore he wished to retire, and therefore he wished to retire, and therefore he wished to retire.

Mr. G. Godfrey Phillips, present Secretary to the Council will replace Mr. Fessenden on July 1. Mr. Fessenden arrived in China 35 years ago, opening a solicitor's firm in partnership with the late Hon. Mr. T. R. Jernigan. He was first elected to the Shanghai Municipal Council in December 1920, and he was re-elected for the following two years. He was made chairman of the Council between 1923 and 1929, and during the latter period he received a vote of thanks from the voters in French Concession.

Gambler Held Up By Bandits

S'hai Authorities Put
Out Drag-Net

Shanghai, Dec. 29.
Despite extra police precautions, it is learned that at 7 p.m. to-day, a Chinese who had earlier won 1,000 yuan at a gambling den in the Breman area, was held-up by motor car bandits who snatched his money and coolly rode off. This area has already been barred during the past two weeks since it harbours the greatest number of opium and gambling dens in Shanghai, due to the fact that its side streets are under Japanese jurisdiction, while its main streets are in the Settlement.—United Press.

POLICE AND MILITARY CO-OPERATE

Shanghai, Dec. 30.
A large-scale police and military drive against armed bandits began last night on the western fringe of the International Settlement, following Wednesday's hold-up when a party of foreigners were victimised. As a result of a conference between the police and British military authorities, a scheme for barred wiring has begun, while detachments of police, with pistols drawn, Russian volunteers and the East Surrey, patrolled the area and searched suspects.

The neighbourhood where the hold-up took place was divided into three sectors, police and volunteers stationing three men on the roads at intervals of 400 yards in their sector.

Nearly 200 armed men were to patrol the area at all times between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. yesterday, and yesterday full service kit was being worn by the soldiers participating.—Reuter.

CIANO FOR BELGRADE

Rome, Dec. 29.
The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, is expected in Belgrade on January 10. The main object of his visit, according to Italian political circles, is preparation of an amity agreement between Yugoslavia and Hungary, supplementing a similar treaty between Yugoslavia and Italy.—Trans-Ocean.

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11.15.12.20 p.m. Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30. Georges Thill (Tenor) and Light French Programme.

Musette El Tambourin (Rameau).

Orchestre Symphonique dirigé by Francois Ruhlmann. Enlèvement (Levade); Barchetta (Hahn).

Georges Thill (Tenor). Coppelia Ballet (Dance of the Automaton).

De La Mer (Debussy). San Francisco Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alfred Hertz. Jean-Francois Marie-Claire (from Revue of the Folies Bergere "Folie en Fleurs").

Carmen Torres and Robert Duguet with Orchestra and Chorus of the Folies Bergere. L'Angelus.

De La Mer (from Revue of the Folies Bergere "Folie en Fleurs").

Damia with Orchestra and Chorus of the Folies Bergere. Sylvia Ballet—Fantasy (Debussy). Le Lieutenant (Oscar Strauss); Le Chant Du Marin (G. Van Parys). Adrian Lamy (Vocal) with Orchestra.

1.12. Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03. Elgar—Enigma Variations, Op. 36.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.

1.30. Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40. Old Dance Favourites.

Fox-Trots—I'm Putting All My Eggs in One Basket (film "Follow the Fleet"); But Where Are You (film "Follow the Fleet").

Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians with vocal refrain. March Fox-Trot—We Saw The Sea (film "Follow the Fleet").

Fox-Trot—If You Love Me, Ray Noble & His Orchestra with vocal refrain. Waltz—One Life, One Love; Tango—Beside My Caravan.

The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra with vocal refrain. Fox-Trot—Get Thee Behind Me Satan (film "Follow the Fleet").

Richard Himber and His Ritz-Carlton Orchestra with vocal refrain. Fox-Trot—Streamline—You Turned Your Head.

Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans with vocal chorus. Fox-Trots—June in January (film "Here is My Heart"); With Every Breath I Take (film "Here is My Heart").

Richard Himber and His Ritz-Carlton Orch. with vocal refrain. Fox-Trot—A. Earful Of Music (film "Kid Millions").

Rudy Vallee and His Connecticut Yankees with vocal refrain by Rudy Vallee.

2.15. Close down.

6.0. Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Lovelight in the Startlight; (b) The Yam; (c) Basin Street Blues; (d) Swing low, Sweet Chariot.

6.14. Record: Berceuse De Jocelyn (Godard); Melody In F (Rubinstein).

Edward O'Hanley playing on the Organ of 'Madame Tussaud's' Cinema, London.

6.21. (a) My Own; (b) Song of India; (c) You're as pretty as a picture; (d) Humoresque.

6.35. Records: Whispers At The Dance (From Meyer-Helmund's Lied); Maria Mari (al Capua).

Serge Krush Sepley; "The King Sleeps Out"—Waltz Medley. The Key-boards (Two Pianos and Drums).

6.44. (a) Hillbilly from 10th Avenue (b) Ti-Pi-Tin; (c) Hawaii Calls; (d) The Snake Charmer.

7.0. Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02. Charlie Kunz, Sidney Carter, Three Musketeers, Harry Tate, Zarah Leander and Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.

Grasshoppers' Dance (Buclossi); Sydney Gustard playing on the Organ of Gaumont Palace Cinema, Chester; Love makes women beautiful (from German film "Homeland"); Three Stars shine in the Sky (from German film "Homeland").

8.0. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03. Studio—Recital by Molly O'Halloran (Violin) and Claire Harlie (Piano).

Nina-Rose—Selection (Romberg); 2. Czardas—Violin Solo (Monti); 3. On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn); The Lotus-Flower (Schumann); 4. Tears in my Heart (Powell); The Sweetest Song in the World (Parr-Davies).

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10.45. London Relay—The B.C.'s Overseas Service.

A talk by the Director of Overseas Services.

11.0. Close down.

German film "Homeland")... Zarah Leander (Vocal) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Ballerina (Boots).

The Three Musketeers (Vocal) and Rice Jenkins Busters; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 12.24; Intro. In the Chapel in the Moonlight; Did you Mother come from Ireland; Sing, Baby, Sing; When did you leave Heaven? I Dream of San Marino; When a Lady meets a Gentleman down South—Charlie Kunz (Piano) with Rhythm Accompaniment; Running An Office (Tate and Company); Muskrat Rumble—Fox-Trot; Dixieland Shuffle—Fox-Trot; Bob Crosby and His Orchestra; On The Sunny Side Of The Rockies (Tobias); The Last Hansom Caddy (Wallace); The Three Musketeers (Vocal) and Rice Jenkins Busters; Caprice (Viennese—Kreiser); Sydney Gustard playing on the Organ of Gaumont Palace Cinema, Chester; Longing (from German film "To New Shores")... Zarah Leander (Vocal) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Charlie Kunz Piano Medley, No. D.2; Intro: One, Two, Button, your Shoe; On your toes; Goodnight my lover; Harbour lights; There's something in the air; May I have the next romance with you?... Charlie Kunz at the Piano; Big Chief De Soto—Novelty Fox-Trot; Cross Patch—Fox-Trot... Bob Crosby and His Orchestra with vocal refrain.

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The Sword and the Pen

A GERMAN News Agency, with an office in Hongkong, broadcasts to the world that "great dissatisfaction is being felt among the inhabitants of Cyprus" at British rule because the latter "savours unpleasantly of dictatorship."

This is an example—a somewhat ironical one—of the type of propaganda disseminated from a country where dictatorship is the name of "unpleasantness."

In the same message the German agency quotes Cyprian resentment at a "press gag," a particularly unfortunate reference in view of the well-known lack of freedom enjoyed by the German Press.

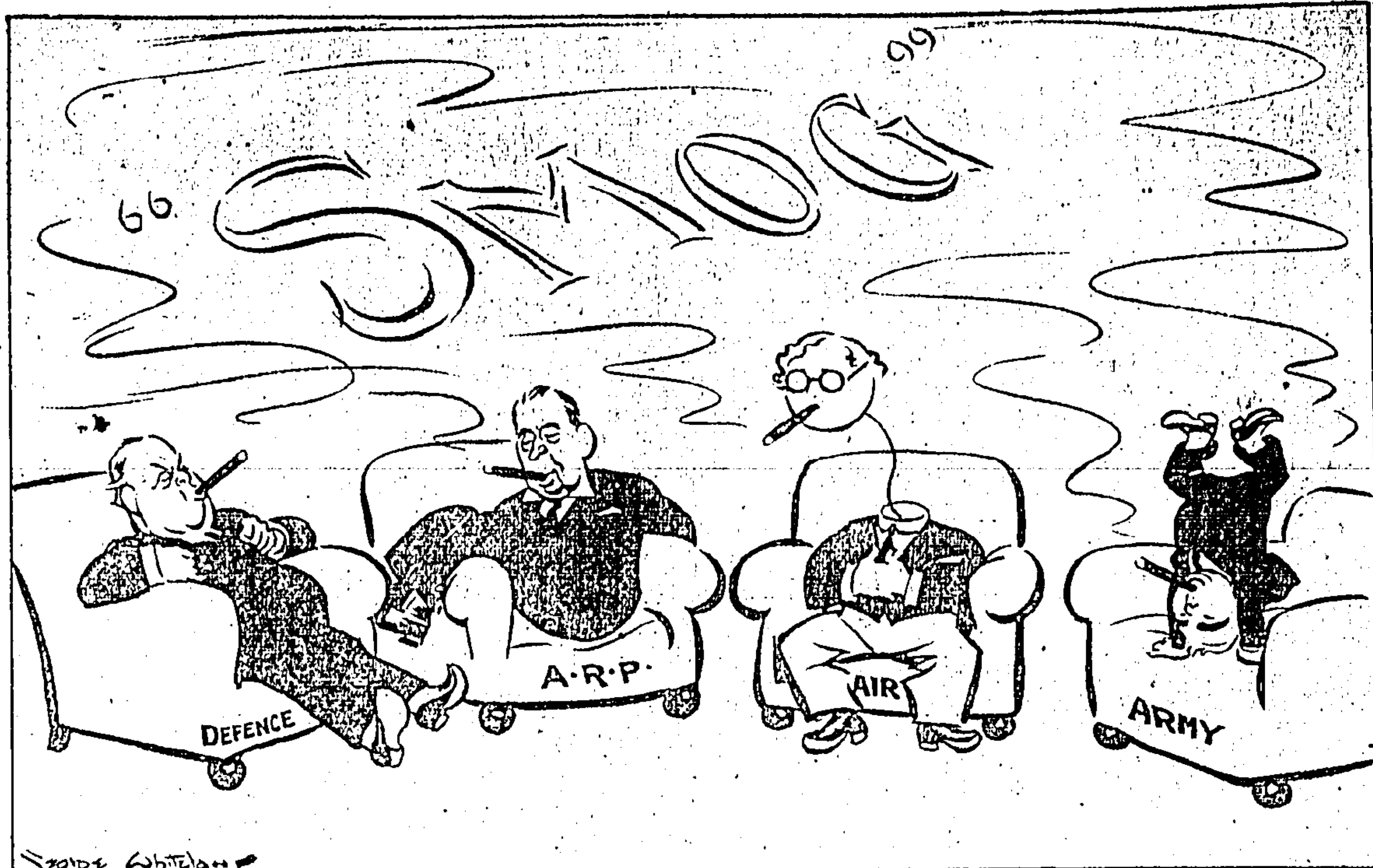
If German propaganda were limited to such examples of fatuous comment, or to home consumption by Germans, we could shrug our shoulders at the repeated calumnies disseminated by Berlin newspapers and through broadcasting stations of the Reich.

Propaganda, however, has become a real war—a war of words. And the pen is proving mightier than the sword.

German propaganda is aimed at other nations, at other peoples. Through powerful short-wave broadcasting stations, a German Voice fans the flames of hatred, criticises with calumnies, suggests by innuendo that the way to peace is by violence, that democracy offers the vices and not the virtues of civilisation, that the path to "freedom" is, through totalitarianism.

Germany places so much faith in its insidious propaganda of the spoken and written word that it ranks its Minister of Propaganda third only to Hitler as its Most Important Personage.

Goebbels has served his Leader well. He has gone to the racketers of America for his greatest discovery—the power of the whispered word. There is no defence against the sharp knife in the back provided by a "whispering campaign," unless one descends, too, to the methods of the racketers.



CLEAR THE AIR WITH A MINISTER OF SUPPLY
"Smog is fog created by smoke," says the National Smoke Abatement Society.

A Million a Day Goes up in Smoke

BY DOUGLAS JAY

BRITAIN has spent £700,000,000 on armaments in the last three years. Yet when the crisis came in September, London, by the admission of Ministers themselves, was practically defenceless against air attack.

This year we have been spending £1,000,000 a day on defence. Yet we are told that Britain is still too weak in the air to take any diplomatic action which might offend the dictators.

Why is it that we are not getting value for our money? Why is it, again, that the armament firms publish ever higher and higher profit figures while the Government tells us that costs and profits are being rigidly scrutinised?

Until the public is given a sincere answer to these questions, it will have very little confidence in any administration which may be installed in Downing Street.

In ordinary peace-time, when the security of the country is not threatened, the Defence Departments place orders with a small group of approved firms; and prices and costs are scrutinised by Government auditors and Treasury officials.

The firms are all working below capacity. Prices of materials are at low or normal levels. Deliveries are consequently punctual and profits are small.

Then comes a sudden international emergency in which the State suddenly requires a hugely increased supply of certain materials at the earliest moment and without fail. In 1915 it was mainly shells.

To-day it is mainly aeroplanes, anti-aircraft guns, and anti-aircraft munitions.

If the Defence Departments simply respond to this situation, as traditionally they always do, merely by placing bigger and bigger contracts with the existing firms, these firms simply force up prices of materials by bidding against one another and against ordinary business buyers; profits all along the line become enormous; and deliveries fall hopelessly behind schedule.

All the time the Government auditors are working conscientiously to check costs; and the manufacturers mostly honestly be-

lieve that they are not "profiteering." They are after all merely selling at market prices.

But in fact the ordinary system of uncontrolled prices and markets has entirely failed to meet the emergency.

The Government's defence needs may require, say, 80 per cent. of the supply of a certain essential armament metal. Yet if the individual arms firms bid for it against all other buyers in the market the price may be doubled or trebled.

Huge profits will then be made by the producer of that metal at the expense of the State.

Yet if the State had power to acquire the whole supply at a fixed price representing a fair profit, and to supply it to the arms firms at that price, huge savings in money, time and efficiency would be made all along the line from the importer or producer to the final manufacturers.

That is the crux of the whole matter. It was this vital lesson, learnt in the last war, which led to thorough-going control of munition materials, foodstuffs, and shipping.

In the case of shipping, for instance, in the two years 1915 and

1916, before control of profits was introduced, a company with a capital of £180,000 earned a net profit of £350,937, or 92 per cent. a year.

The company could then have sold out at £700,000, realising a total profit of £870,937, or 225 per cent. per year!

This is what happens if the State tries to use the ordinary mechanism of uncontrolled supply and prices to get hold of emergency material at a critical period.

That is why Labour urges the establishment of a Ministry of Supply, which would undertake the organisation of supply for all the fighting services, and would have in the background the necessary powers to control prices and stocks.

The present problem is of course not of the same magnitude as that of 1915. But it is the same in principle.

The other two essentials that we require are the erection of Government factories, particularly in the aircraft industry, and much higher taxation (or direct limitation) of profits.

In 1915-16 the 218 Government munition factories eventually built were found essential both in expanding output and in establishing a real test of manufacturers' costs. Enormous reduction in costs followed from the building of these factories.

But now, as then, the various "ring" firms are fighting the plan for national factories.

With these three essentials: (1) Ministry of Supply; (2) Government factories; and (3) Higher taxation of profits—we could mobilise our huge resources effectively, get full value for money, and at the same time maintain and extend our expenditure on social services.

At present unemployment and excess profits are wasting Britain's potential resources. In 1914-1918 we diverted one half of the country's resources into war service; supplied several million men under arms with food, clothing and munitions; reserved the volume of our exports; and if anything raised the real standard of living of those left at home.

That is what organisation can do. In Nazi Germany in the last few years organisation on the same scale has produced the terrible military machine that enabled Hitler to show his hand at Munich.

If we ourselves still have the will to preserve our essential liberties, we can organise our resources in their defence; and we can do it by the elimination, not of our social services or our personal freedom, but of inefficiency, of profiteering and of waste.

To-day's Thought—
WHEREFORE do ye spend
money for that which is
not bread?
—Old Testament.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"—and I defy any capitalist in the crowd to defy me!"

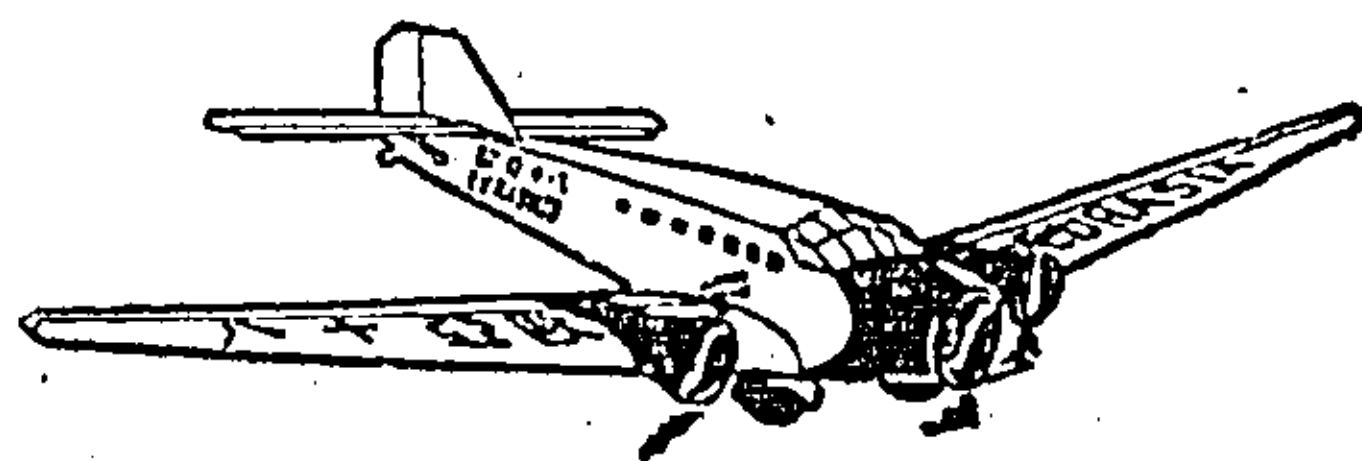
Play-Boys Will Be Work-Boys Soon

Berlin.
BERLIN'S West End playboys, at present spending their mornings in bed and their nights in night clubs, will shortly be put to work by the Nazi State in factories, labour camps and farms.

A conference of Nazi police, labour exchange and welfare organisation officials is now meeting under Berlin's chief of police, Count Helldorf, to discuss methods of putting them to work.

Decrees giving officials the necessary powers will be issued shortly. Under the decrees will fall, it is reported, Germans employed at part-time jobs and those who—according to the Nazi newspaper *Angelfeind*—"do nothing else except dig a little garden plot, although they are mentally and bodily fit."

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SPAIN'S MAGINOT LINE FALLS TO INSURGENTS

Franco Claims Heavy Gains

HENDAYE, Dec. 29. INSURGENT HEAD-QUARTERS have claimed the complete capture of the Loyalists' "Little Maginot Line" along the Segre River near Balaguer, while General Franco's crack mercenary forces have smashed four lines of steel and concrete fortifications.

From Saragossa it is announced that Balaguer, the bridge-head of the Segre River, has collapsed, and also that the Loyalist system of sunken forts have been captured.

The Insurgents are said to be driving the Loyalists into the Mediterranean.

The Balaguer bridge-head fell after a surprise attack in the centre of the 90-mile Catalan front, where only sporadic action took place during the first six days of the offensive.

General Franco sought to straighten out his curving line of advance by driving eastward from Balaguer to Cervera.

Meanwhile Navarrese and Galician troops in the northern sector drove close to the vital communication centre at Artesa de Segre, and Spanish and Italian columns in the southern sector hammered at Borjass Blanca.

General Franco appears to be planning to converge his three armies in the vicinity of Cervera, biting off a section of Catalan territory by flanking operations, after which massed forces will advance on Barcelona and the coast.—United Press.

RELENTLESS DRIVE
LONDON, Dec. 29.

That General Franco's offensive, in which 600,000 men are engaged, is proceeding as relentlessly as ever after seven days, is proved by the vivid descriptions of fighting from "Reuter's" correspondents on both sides.

A Barcelona message says that planes and artillery transformed the hill-bound plains of Llanos del Urgel in the southern sector, and the Pyrenean foothills in the northern sector into an inferno of shells and bombs.

General Franco aims at driving the Loyalists from a line at the Segre River where they have held their positions since April, and from the Llanos del Urgel plain. The drive towards Borjass Blanca, which is an important munitions manufacturing centre from the Lower Segre, threatens to cut off the Loyalists' positions before Lerida. The capture of Borjass Blanca itself would jeopardise the whole of the Loyalist positions along the Lower Ebro and posts between Tarragona and the Ebro delta.

Four Italian divisions are reported to be participating in this thrust. Saragossa reports state that the Insurgents this evening captured Granadella, 40 miles north-west of Tarragona. It is an important position, commanding the left bank of the Ebro. It was strongly fortified and stubbornly defended.

An earlier insurgent victory at Balaguer was the fifth point where General Franco had pierced the Loyalist defences. The air force and artillery opened the attack, pounding the fortifications at the Balaguer bridge-head with tons of explosives, which were dropped on stone pillars and sandbag parapets which formed the strongest Loyalist fortifications in this district. Then armoured cars drove through the trenches and through a four-fold line of wire entanglements, the infantrymen following up and taking the position.—Reuter.

CONFLICTING REPORTS
LONDON, Dec. 29.

While observers on both sides in Spain agree about the fierce intensity of fighting on the nearly 100-mile front, the respective headquarters accounts of the progress of the battle continue to be widely divergent.

Franco's headquarters claim suc-



SIAM'S BOY KING, Ananda Mahidol, recently returned from Switzerland, where he has been at school in Lausanne, to pay a visit to his native land, from which he has been five years absent. He is now thirteen years old. He succeeded King Prajadhipok in 1935, a council of Regency ruling during his minority. He is shown being welcomed at Bangkok.

JEWS ALARMED AT NEW LEVY RUMOURS

BERLIN, Dec. 29. JEWS HERE are alarmed by the rumour, said to have come from a reliable source, that the 20 per cent. capital levy on their property is to be increased to 30 per cent.

It is declared that the first instalment collected on December 15 did not produce nearly as much as expected.

Officials of the Ministry of Finance would neither confirm nor deny the report, although they revealed that the actual figures of the first instalment would probably be published in January.

Jews have already paid up five per cent. on their property, and if the rumoured increase is true, it would mean that they would still have one-quarter of their original fortunes to lose.—Reuter.

FAMOUS AUSTRIAN DEFENDS JEWS
LONDON, Dec. 29.

The Austrian musician, Erich Kleiber, has sent a letter to the Scala Theatre, Milan, cancelling his engagements.

He refuses to appear because: "I have just learned that the doors of the Scala Theatre will be closed to your Jewish fellow-citizens. Music is made for everyone, and I cannot collaborate either as a Christian or as an artist."

It is recalled that Kleiber refrained from renewing his contract as conductor of the Berlin State Opera in 1933 when radical Nazis made an effort to prove he was non-Aryan, and also accused him of sponsoring "un-German music".—United Press.

PROTEST TO GOERING
Although Kleiber, as an Austrian citizen, possessed a passport of that country, he was refused permission

cesses on the whole of Catalonia's western borders, while the Loyalists declare that their main defences on the hills remain untouched, though they admit that in the flat terrain, where most of the fighting so far has taken place, has favoured the Insurgents' mechanical superiority.

A Barcelona despatch adds that the reluctance of the Loyalist new model army is believed to be proving most exhausting to the Insurgents, and is inspiring the utmost confidence in the Loyalist rear.

On the other hand, Franco's headquarters state that the Insurgents have broken the Loyalist lines at the Segre bridge-head of Balaguer, and have crossed the Loyalist fortifications. Further north-east, they claim to have surrounded Balmona. In the northern section they report further progress in the drive towards the seaport of Tarragona. Further south-west they are reported to have surrounded Granadella.—Reuter.

'REALLY AMAZING' FORECAST

BERLIN, Dec. 29. "THE FEVERISH HASTE with which the fountain pens of some journalists move along the map of Europe is really amazing," declares the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," referring to an article by Mr. Vernon Bartlett in the "News-Chronicle" (which was cabled to Hongkong in summarised form).

According to Mr. Bartlett Germany, in the course of the coming year, will demand colonies from Holland and Belgium, which, in the view of the German Government, would present greater advantages for the Reich than the colonies formerly owned by Germany.

Refusal by the Netherlands and Belgian governments to comply with this demand, says Mr. Bartlett, would have as a consequence invasion of those countries by Germany.

The German newspaper observes that such sentiments merely reflect the wish of their author to discover—now that the main problem in Western Europe have been clarified, and that Eastern Europe does not, perhaps, arouse any longer such great interest in Paris and London—new regions in which aggressive aims can be attributed to Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

Ice Company's Revenue Drops

"Political Situation" Causes Big Slump

A PROFIT OF only \$690.02 for the year was reported by the Chairman of Directors of the Hongkong & Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held at their head offices this morning. Blame was attributed to the political situation.

There were present: Mr. T. E. Pearce (Chairman), Mr. Ho Kom-tong (Directors), Mr. J. D. Thomson (Manager), Mr. G. Milne (Secretary), Messrs. H. W. Alexander, G. Chan G. W. Sewell and Mrs. Booten. (Shareholders).

The Chairman said: As you will have seen from the accounts, the profit on Working Account for the year under review amounts to only \$690.02, the lowest since 1926. When addressing you last year I mentioned that there had been a falling off in ice sales since the closing of the books at July 31, 1937, as a result of the political situation.

You are aware that this unfortunate state of affairs has continued, with the consequence that our business has suffered severely.

Ice sales have dropped from 2,533 tons to 508 tons as compared to the figure for the year ending July 31, 1937, and turnover, inclusive of cold storage revenue, from \$51,951.59 to \$17,603.06.

You will be pleased to know that your buildings and plant are intact and in good condition and, despite numerous alterations to meet interrupted power supply, the latter functions efficiently. Your engineer and his staff have had a trying time and we are indebted to them for their good work and loyalty under difficult conditions.

In view of the turn of events and

120 IN BIG SPY ROUND-UP IN REICH

BERLIN, Dec. 29. MORE THAN 120 alleged plotters for the assassination of high Nazi officials will be tried early in the New Year in the biggest treason case since Herr Hitler came into power.

The plotters are reported to be led by Herr Franz Nirsche, a former writer and an ultra-Rightist, and it is said that they drew lots to determine the assassins.

It is not disclosed whether the purported plot involved the assassination of Herr Hitler.

Nirsche and 20 accomplices are imprisoned in Berlin's Moabit Prison. They will be tried secretly.

The authorities are convinced that the trials will result in at least 17 death sentences.

Several lawyers have already refused to accept the defence of the accused.—United Press.

NEW SKI RECORD

London, Dec. 29. At Earl's Court to-day, Sverre Kolterud, the Norwegian Olympic medalist, established a world indoor ski jump record of 22½ metres.—Reuter.

bearing in mind the essentiality of the Company to Shamen residents, your Directors approved the purchase of a 20 h.p. oil engine for the purpose of generating an independent power supply. This unit was installed in July last and accounts for the addition of \$3,955.63 under the heading Machinery & Ice Stores in the Balance Sheet. I am pleased to say that it has given exceptional service and had it not been installed we would have had no alternative but to close down when the Canton Municipal Electric Power Administration ceased to function in October last. Power is now being obtained from the Shamen Municipal Plant.

Turning to the accounts you will see that the usual scale of Depreciation has been applied accounting for the sum of \$17,220.63. I trust you approve the charge. Apart from the fact that it has been deemed advisable by your Directors to create a Reserve for Doubtful Debts to the extent of \$500 which sum is considered sufficient, and that the Directors have again waived their fees, I do not think that the Accounts call for further comment.

The net position is that a loss of \$16,980.67 has been incurred during the year. After deducting the balance of \$1,329.77 brought forward from last year's Accounts there will be \$15,550.90 at the debit of Profit and Loss Account.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which Shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Sewell seconded and the motion was approved.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander seconded by Mr. Chan, the retiring Directors, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. D. F. Landale, were re-elected.

Mr. Pearce proposed the re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors. Mr. Ho Kom-tong seconded and the motion was approved.

BIG FOUR CONFERENCE?

Berlin Interested in New Reports

BERLIN, Dec. 29. THE SUPPOSITION put forward in the British, French and American press concerning the possibility of a new conference of the four Munich Powers at the end of January, has naturally aroused much interest in Berlin political circles, especially in connection with the development of Franco-Italian relations.

Nothing, however, is known here regarding such a plan, and absolute reserve is maintained on the subject.

Competent quarters, nevertheless, give it to be understood that the result of the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax to Rome must be awaited before realisation of the plan could be envisaged, all the more so, since it is certain that in the course of conversations between the British and Italian statesmen, not only questions directly interesting the two countries, but that problems of a more general character will come up for consideration.

It is also regarded as inevitable that Franco-Italian relations will be examined. Hence, in the opinion of German political circles, no decision regarding the advisability of a Four Power Conference can be reached before the outcome of the Rome conversations is known.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMATURE SPECULATION?

Rome, Dec. 29. Well-informed diplomatic quarters state that Signor Mussolini intends to ask Mr. Chamberlain to call a Four Power Conference similar to the Munich conference to discuss Italy's claims to territorial revision under the London Treaty of 1915, if the British Premier declines an earlier invitation to act as mediator between Italy and France.

The report could not be confirmed in official Italian quarters, where there is a tendency to describe as premature speculation every report dealing with Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome.

Nevertheless, foreign diplomatic officials believe that Mussolini is working on this line because, as the Italian papers have frequently pointed out, the process of peaceful territorial revision begun at Munich is not yet completed.—United Press.



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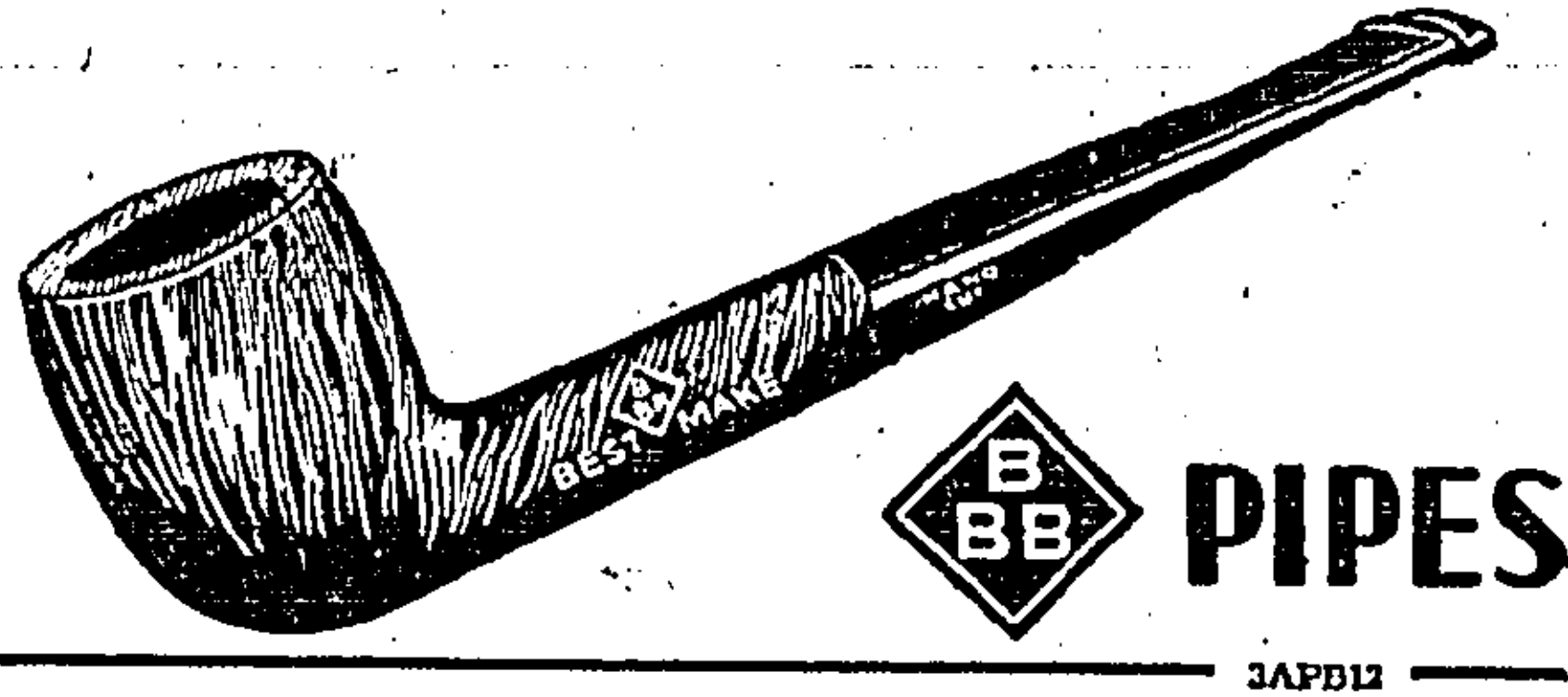
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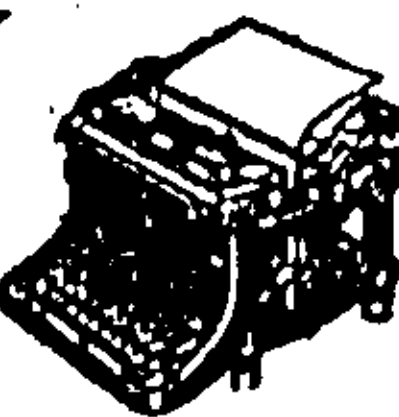
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"CAPTAIN FOSTER" REVIEWS 1938 RACING SEASON

INNOVATIONS APPRECIATED BY PUNTERS

BEST FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE JOCKEY CLUB

The racing year just concluded was undoubtedly the best financial racing season of the Hongkong Jockey Club. A most interesting feature of the year under review was the colossal sale of 332,190 dollar cash sweep tickets in the Hongkong Derby run in Spring, and the first prize, valued \$141,380.05, was won by a syndicate of amahs, the ticket being divided into ten parts of ten cents a share. This phenomenal luck was followed up by another company of Chinese female servants in the Kwangtung Handicap run on October 22, when the sale of tickets amounted to 209,030 chances and the syndicate received \$88,963.18.

It may be safely said that racing was excellent during the whole season and a vote of thanks is due to the Stewards and Officials for discharging their duties to the entire satisfaction of the public. The introduction of the index number of a pony's last run in the programme during the second half was much appreciated by the punters and there was also embodied the state of the going in the results of every meeting. While on the subject I wonder whether it can be arranged to incorporate either the pedigree of an Australian pony in the list of entries or state whether the pony is a gelding or a mare. The latter is preferable, for some punters have a prejudice against the female sex.

C. ENCARNACAO HEADS LIST OF SUCCESSFUL JOCKEYS DURING YEAR

The permanent residence in Hongkong of several crack northern jockeys, such as Messrs. C. Encarnacao, H. J. Hearne, V. V. Neece, A. W. Raymond, L. Wade, Peter Wei and a few others was a windfall to all the owners in general and their presence was in a certain measure responsible for the influx of large crowds at the extra meetings.

Space is too limited to publish a complete list of all jockeys who rode at Happy Valley and Arela Preta during the year, but statistics which I have compiled show that 62 members had the pleasure of being led in to the unsaddling enclosure outside the weighing room. Congratulations are extended to Mr. C. Encarnacao who heads the list (as enumerated below) with 25 wins, 19 seconds and 17 thirds and followed by Mr. A. Raymond with a ratio of 24-17-12. Mr. "Vic" Neece is third with 21-14-14 and Mr. Proulx comes next with 18-10-16. Mr. R. B. Moller was a great success, ending the season with six classic wins. His first successful mount was on Silky, in the Maiden Stakes and the next was on Desert Star belonging to Mr. C. N. Kong in the Valley Stakes. Then followed the much coveted Hongkong Derby on Silky. Another feather was added to "Boogie" cap when he piloted the brown stallion of his father's to victory in the Champion Stakes, beating the invincible Liberty Bell, owned by Mr. L. Dunbar. His last two successes after the resumption of second half were on the same pony in the Hongkong St. Leger and Autumn Champions. The following is a list of the successful jockeys:

	wins	2nds	3rds
C. Encarnacao	25	19	17
A. W. Raymond	24	17	12
V. V. Neece	21	14	14
B. A. Proulx	18	10	15
H. C. Pih	17	17	18
S. C. Linnet	17	16	15
D. Black	13	7	10
P. Y. T. Wei	11	4	8
L. B. Chao	10	11	6
B. L. Tao	9	10	15
S. W. Tang	8	14	7
H. Matland	7	10	5
S. L. Yuen	7	6	4
C. L. Gregory	6	4	10
R. B. Moller	6	4	5
H. P. Chanson	6	4	5
Ip Kul-ying	5	4	4
J. Pote-Hunt	5	2	4
L. Wade	4	6	6
H. J. Hearne	4	5	3
K. I. Ip	4	3	6
F. Marshall	3	7	5
A. F. D. Colson	3	3	1
K. S. Shu	3	2	2
C. F. Chiu	3	2	1
L. J. Fellen	3	2	1
G. Foy	2	5	14
G. W. Cooper	2	5	4
F. F. Li	2	5	2
P. L. Jul	2	2	1
Ho Hong-ping	2	1	2
G. Trevorton	1	0	8
W. T. Fung	1	0	8
W. N. Yeh	1	3	1
A. Noodt	1	2	5
S. W. Pan	1	1	1
Young Wing-kwai	1	1	2
L. P. Ralph	1	1	1
D. R. A. Sprackley	1	1	1
H. M. Wood	1	1	1
Young Wing-sing	1	1	1
H. A. de Botelho	1	1	1
W. H. S. Davis	1	1	1

Fields Were Quite Up To The Mark Only One Entry In American Club Cup

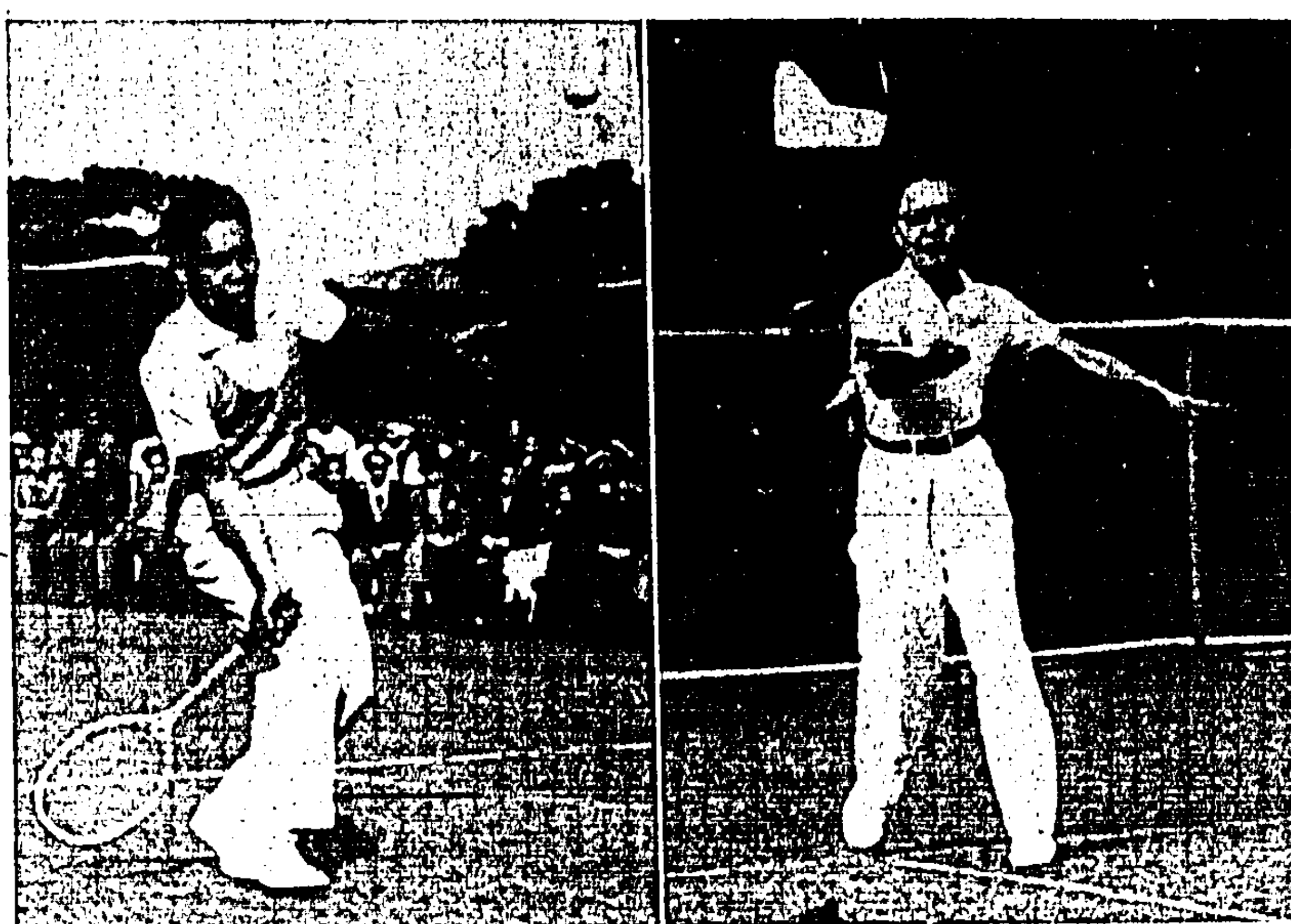
There were 21 actual days of racing and it is interesting to recall that 107 events were contested during the period at Happy Valley. The fields on the whole were quite up to the mark, but only one China pony (Cameronian) weighed out in the American Club Cup at the big meeting and in the circumstances a walk-over was given to the owner, Mr. Eu Tong-sen. We had innumerable exciting and close finishes, there being two dead-heats and 19 short heads. As a matter of interest, I have gone to the trouble to segregate the margin of defeats with the following results:

Dead Heat	2
Short Head	19
A Head	13
A Neck	10
Half-length	14
Three-quarters a length	14
A Length	21
1½ Lengths	40
Two Lengths	31
2½ Lengths	5
Three Lengths	14
Four Lengths	8
Five Lengths	3
Six Lengths	3
Many Lengths	8

It will be seen from the above that 124 races, representing 63.26 per cent, were won by one and a half lengths and under, and the balance, 72 events (36.74%), were from two lengths upwards. The beating of one and a half lengths was common, for there were 40 such decisions.

W. Cotham	2
T. W. Chattey	1
A. F. Ingram	1
A. H. R. Bulcher	1
H. A. Browning	1
A. D. Copplin	1
H. Graye	1
P. Randolph	1
J. F. van Reece	1
G. R. Payne	2
Y. K. Wouh	2
R. L. Boody	1
P. J. Beetho	1
W. C. Chai	1
Chiu Ki-fan	1
G. P. Ferguson	1
Hoo Pak-ming	1
S. W. Lee	1
S. Olson	1
S. N. Pan	1

Among the novices Mr. G. Trevorton (private secretary to His Excellency the Governor) broke his duck on his own Australian cob, Brutus and so did Mr. Ho Hong-ping on his China pony, Flybynight. Mr. S. L. Yuen graduated in the Annual Cup, rival on Rob Roy in the Jockey Cup. Mr. F. L. Jul from Shanghai came out of the apprentice class in Macao.



Leonardo Gavia (left) and Amado Sanchez, the two top-ranking Filipino tennis stars, were seen in an exhibition at the Kowloon C.C. yesterday. Probably not accustomed to playing on grass, the visitors were unable to produce their best form. They are going to Saigon to participate in the Far East championships, to be held from January 7 to 14.—Photo by A. A. Kuhn.

Three Records Broken By Australian Ponies

Mr. Clerk of the Weather was very kind to the racing public and this of course offered many opportunities for our Australian ponies to show their legs. Three new track records were broken during the season and it can be said, without any fear, that the Australian ponies always provided the best events of our programmes.

Mrs. J. H. Taggart's Lancashire Chips, carrying weight for inches as per scale with Mr. Proulx in the saddle, was in great form to annex the Crumond Brig Handicap over a short distance from the 1½ mile post in 59.3/5 seconds, reducing Derby Day's figure of 1.00.2/5 by four-fifths of a second.

Before the close of the half, Courtling Eve, ridden by Mr. C. Pih with a load of 105 lbs., just managed to reach home first in the Bondi Handicap over six furlongs beating the low weighter Lancashire Chips (145 lbs.) and at the same time lowered the latter's track record of 1.10.1/5 by a fifth of a second.

At the Easter session Strathroy, shouldering the top weight of 165 lbs. with his usual pilot Mr. Donald Black, was in fine fettle to win the Albury Handicap over a mile, beating Courtling Eve in record time, three-fifths of a second faster than that established by Saucy Face on April 23, 1935. It was an old record of about three years.

Much was expected of this year's subscription griffin, but the consignment which came from Queensland was far below the average. With the exception of Lucky Lad, all others were no match for the old ponies in the handicap events and the majority of them found their way among the "Also Rans." Among the batch of 41 sub-griffins, a few were discarded long before the closing of entries and although nominated for minor contests, Black Tim, Graceful Legs, Rose Josephine, Sea Imp, Simonian Eve, The Typhoon, Torpedo Star and Yandana failed to appear before the public.

The total of stakes paid out to the Australian ponies including the subs of this season was \$55,580 and in comparison with last year's sum, the amount has been increased by \$6,100. This was due to the restoration of stake money in all events and also the introduction of a few races for "C" class Australian ponies.

A Better Time	\$ 750
A Grand Time	300
A Great Time	800
A Lovely Time	400
Able Amazon	700
Alber	1,770
Annabella	1,300
Arlina	200
Aztec	1,300
Bag Tor	200
Beat That	1,300
Blandford	800
Boris	2,000
Bruton	200
Brutus	1,500
Cape York	650
Centre Court	2,450
Colorado Star	2,000
Courling Eve	750
Critter	500
Derby Day	900
Dick Turpin	1,450
Discovery Bay	2,050
Double Finesse	700
Electron	1,300
Gypsy Love	1,200
Home Brew	1,200
Katinka	3,550
King's Privilege	1,450
Lancashire Chips	1,450
Lilly	1,450
Little Audrey	1,450
Linnamoon	1,450
Linnakollen	1,450
Love Day	1,450
Lucky Lad	3,500
Manzanilla River	1,500
Maven	1,013
Merrym River	1,013
National Crisis	1,013
Olea	1,013
Perfect Day	1,013
Racing Heart	1,013

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RACE SUGGESTIONS

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I have a feeling that a "Trebble Race" at the Hongkong Jockey Club meetings will prove an added attraction to the racing public. What do you think of it? If you are of the same opinion why not suggest it in your notes before the commencement of the New Year's programme. Judging by the support received by the "Double" and its popularity, I am sure, the innovation of a "Trebble" will be warmly welcomed.

In many of the Racing Clubs in the East, Trebles are common and are usually better supported than the Doubles and in Hongkong too it may be the same. Such an innovation will not only have the public support but will also bring in an added revenue to the Club. I trust the Stewards will give a sympathetic ear to it. The 4th, 6th and 8th could be allotted as the necessary races.

If the running order of events is fixed after the entries are received, divided, handicapped etc., quite an interesting problem could be placed before the punters both in the Double and Treble than is now done by fixing the running order without knowing exactly what support each event is going to get. This arrangement ought not to place any extra labour on the officials or cause any inconvenience to the public as it could be easily arranged and settled at the time the handicaps are published.

During the past year, we of the Public Enclosure have been put to a certain amount of inconvenience by not having satisfactory arrangements made both at the "Sellers and Pay out" windows. In this connection, quite a lot could be done if sign rails are placed separating each window so that it may naturally force the callers to follow a queue formation. A lot of rush and unnecessary waste of energy could be avoided thus. Of course, this will bring a bitter protest from the crowd who promenade from window to window looking at the number of tickets sold on each horse. It is this crowd that usually causes all the obstruction. At the present time their estimation of numbers does not always hold good as they are unaware how the backing in the members' enclosure is. So there is at

FILIPINO TENNIS STARS DID NOT SHOW BEST FORM

Gavia And Sanchez Unused To Playing On Grass

(By "Abe")

Apparently not accustomed to playing on grass courts, Leonardo Gavia and Amado Sanchez, the two top-ranking tennis stars of the Philippines, were not at their best yesterday afternoon when they participated in an exhibition on the Kowloon C.C. courts. Gavia, who already has had some experience of grass courts, played quite well, but his partner, who beat him twice this year in major tournaments, failed to settle down and gave only a mediocre display.

To be quite frank, the exhibition was disappointing. From what we have heard and read of both these players, who have been selected to represent the Islands in the Far East tennis championships to be held at Saigon next month, they must be better than they showed themselves to be yesterday; and it would be foolish, I think, to judge them on yesterday's form.

Arrangements for the match made by the Kowloon C.C. were splendid in every way, and weather conditions were ideal for good tennis; but the standard of play, except for occasional flashes of brilliance, was on the whole rather uninspiring.

GAVIA BETTER

Of the two visitors, Gavia was the better. He was far more reliable than Sanchez, who displayed a particular weakness overhead which was astounding for a player of his reputation. Even his ground strokes were not always dependable, but his service throughout was good.

Gavia showed some deft touches at the net, often smashing with great power and alternating with some very finely-executed stop-volleys.

One of the brightest features of the exhibition was the fine work of George Choa, who, partnered by Szeo Bick, took a set off the visitors. Choa easily held his own and was easily the best of the four next to Gavia.

Tsui Wai-pui, the Colony champion, started impressively in his singles game against Gavia, but after winning the first set after nine games and looking set to take the second as well, he lost it at 6-2.

A. E. P. Guest and Tsui Yun-pui held the Filipino stars to 14 games before losing their first set, but they were definitely outplayed in the second.

The following were the scores of the matches played, with the visitors tally first:

Gavia and Sanchez v. George Choa and Szeo Bick: 6-4, 2-0.
Gavia v. Tsui Wai-pui: 3-6, 6-2.
Gavia and Sanchez v. A. E. P. Guest and Tsui Yun-pui: 8-6, 6-1.
Gavia and Sanchez v. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui: 3-6.
Gavia and Sanchez are sailing for Haiphong this afternoon on the s.s. Canton. From Haiphong they will travel over-land to Saigon.

On completion of the tournament, they will return to Manila via Singapore.

IMPORTANT RUGBY TIE TO-MORROW

The deciding match of this year's Triangular Rugby Tournament will be played on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow, when the Club will play the Navy for the second time. The match will commence at 4 p.m. and will be refereed by Lt. Pirie.

Although there is still an Army v. Navy fixture to be played off, it is unlikely that it will make any difference to the result of the tournament as the Army have already been defeated three times.

To-morrow's match, therefore will decide whether the Navy retain the trophy, which they won last year or merely share it with the Club. In the first round the Club were beaten by the narrowest of margins at 13 points to 14 after a rousing game and to share the trophy, they must win to-morrow. A defeat or even a draw will be of no use to them. Both Navy and Club have full sides out and a really hard and exciting game, with the ultimate result ever in doubt until the last whistle, should be seen by spectators.

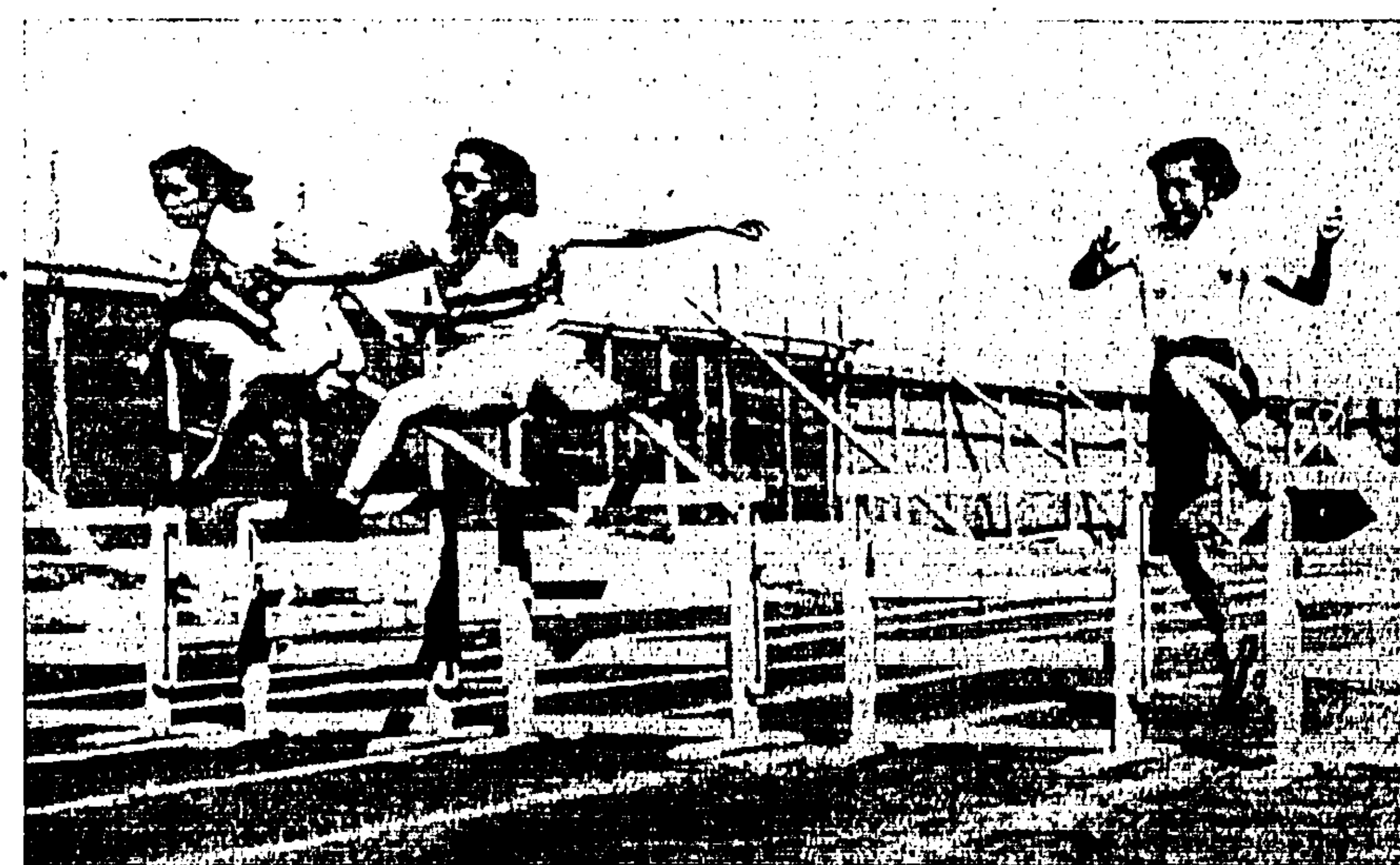
Prior to the Tournament game the Club "A" XV will play the Royal Engineers at 2.45 p.m. This game will be refereed by Dr. J. A. R. Selby. The Club sides have been selected as follows:

1st XV.—M. W. MacGrah; G. K. Chadwick, H. D. Bidwell (Captain), W. E. Grieve, D. H. Stewart; F. Cessford, J. R. Henderson; K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, C. M. Stark; J. S. Dunnitt, W. E. Peers, H. W. E. Heath, A. J. G. Taylor and W. B. Richardson.
2nd XV.—F. M. Thompson; D. I. Bosanquet, D. Hynes, E. Taverner, H. van Leeuwen; J. Hutchison, E. C. Luscombe; R. G. L. Oliphant, P. O. Burton, E. A. Bompas, G. J. P. Carey, J. C. Davis, W. Stoker, K. H. G. White and J. Redman (Captain).

NAVY TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Navy at Rugby against the Club in the Final Round of the Triangular Tournament on Saturday, December 31 on the Club Ground. Kick off at 4 p.m.:

Pay Lieut. Stevens (Kent); Lieut. (E) Lewis (Birmingham); P. O. Askwith (Dainty); Lieut. Skelton (Medway); Lieut. Walters (Medway); Lieut. Elliot (Eagle); Lieut. Talbot (Medway); A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); Mr. Witherden (Duncan); Lieut. Sea. Romans (Eagle), Sub. Lt. (A) Hain (Eagle); Lieut. Darling (Medway); Lieut. Orle (Medway); Lieut. Anderson (Medway) and Lieut. Griffiths (Medway).

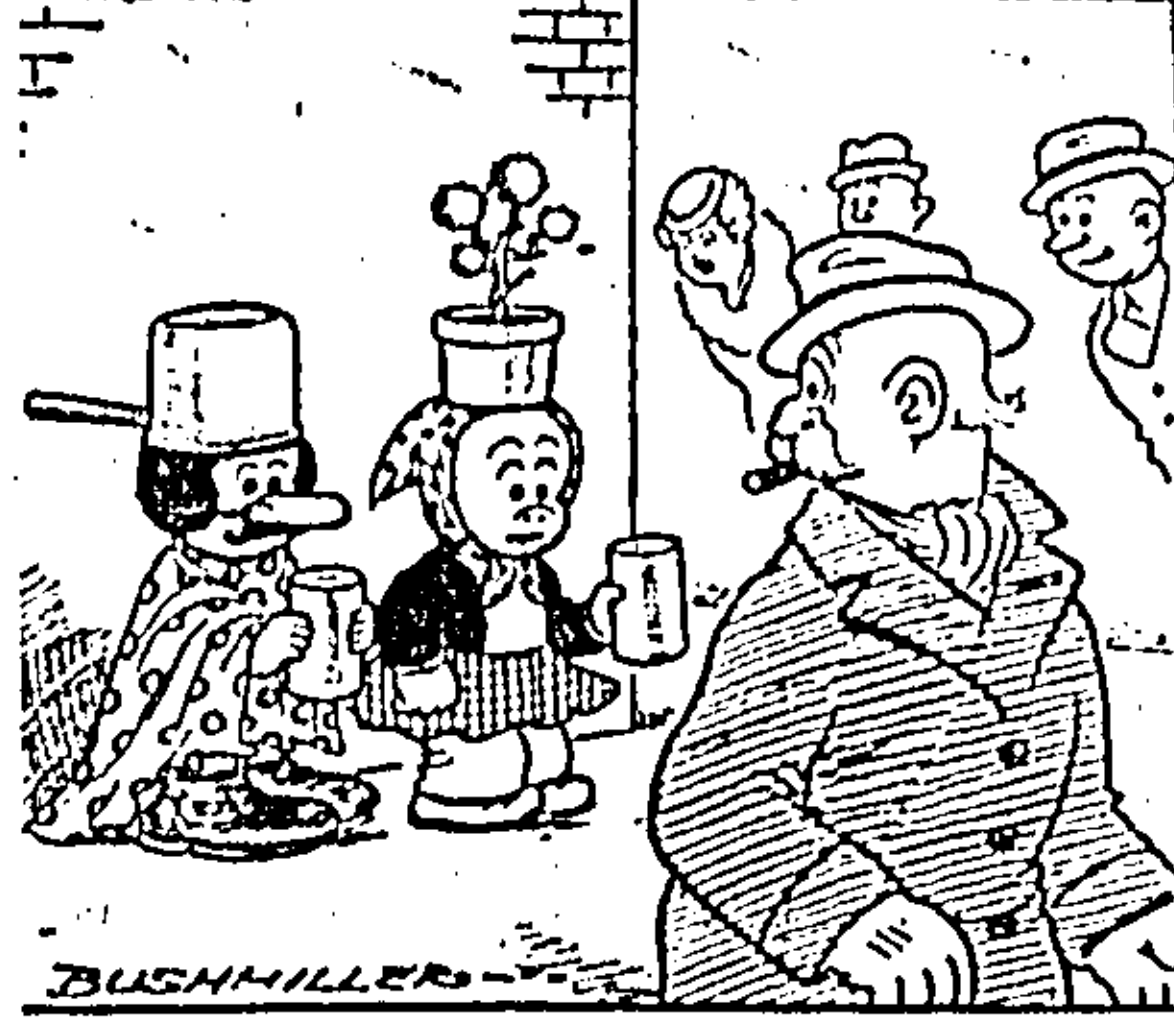


The 80 metres women's hurdle race in progress at the International Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill last week-end. The event was won by Chu Kai-sung, with Law Man-fa second and Mary Hui-fa third.—Staff Photographer.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



A WONDERFUL RECOVERY BY THE NAVY IN TRIANGULAR CRICKET MATCH

Lieut. Commdr. Kennedy Saves Side With Grand Century At Vital Stage

(By "R. Abbt")

When this match was resumed yesterday, for a time nothing went right for the Navy. With seven runs scored, Godby bowled Wanstall, Smith (24) was taken in the slips at 35 and Manners went twelve runs later trying to hook a long hop on his off stump and missing it. Whitmarsh was bowled by one that was much better than he thought it was. Lees was very well caught at the wicket at 64, and nine runs later Talbot skied Godby and was caught by Hatfield running from slip to fine leg, 75-7-7. The Army seemed to have the game in their pockets.

A QUEER GAME

But cricket is a queer game and the situation began to change when Kennedy, who had been defending steadily, was joined by Firth. The innings defeat was saved and the new comer began to lay about him. He played nice cricket but made one very bad shot near cover which did not go to hand. It was rather typical of some of the Navy batsmen who seemed perfectly happy and likely to stop for a week and then

their wickets. However, Firth steadied down and played excellently, hitting Godby excellently to the tent. Hatfield relieved Godby who had bowled thirteen overs in succession. Firth hooked the new bowler for four and off-drove a nice two. Land relieved Coombes and Kennedy square cut his first ball to the boundary, and three further singles came in the over. Next over Firth hooked one square and then placed the next to long leg but the last ball was pitched up and it fell on the batsman's toe, and the decision was against him. Again an unexpected wicket for the ball should have gone for a sitting four. The stand had put on 49 runs of which Firth had 35. Apart from the bad cover shot it was an excellent innings (122-8-35).

Kennedy then took hold and in Hatfield's next over made a beautiful late cut, another boundary to long leg and a couple square cut. He followed this with a splendid extra-cover drive in the next over. Moore played the right game and defended though he crunched a particularly involving half-volley from Land along the carpet to cover for a couple. Next over Kennedy completed his fifty—a grand fighting innings. Patterson relieved Land and bowled six leg balls. The first four were unpunished but Moore got a single and then Kennedy put the sixth ball to long leg boundary. The Navy were now on the crest of the wave and Moore hooked Swyers, bowling at the Yard end, for two fours in succession.

THE SECOND CENTURY
Tiffin might have been an upsetting factor but the two hundred was played on and the two hundred was sent up. Godby and Hatfield were bowling but they did not seem so dangerous as before. The new ball was called for and Kennedy sent it promptly through the slips for four and then scored three off the next delivery. Runs continued to come and the Army holding seemed to get a little rattled. Moore played one back to Hatfield who threw at his wicket—a thing he seems fond of—and a four resulted. I am very doubtful if this really pays. Two singles later, Kennedy completed his century. Next ball Moore was caught in the slips off his glove. The ninth wicket had put on 108 runs, of which Moore had thirty two. I don't know much about his cricket but he can seldom have played a more useful innings. (230-9-32).

Paxton held up his wicket and came close to a single—but Kennedy finally played one of Hatfield's into his wicket when the score was 238. Thus the Army who seemed to have the match in their pockets at noon were left with the task of making 158 in two hours and ten minutes.

THE LAST KNOCK
The Army started with Logan and Patterson but with fifteen on the board Logan hit out at one of Paxton's which pitched on his leg stump and was l.b.w. 15-1-4. Land came in and things looked good for the Army, as the runs came readily. At 47, however, Manners went on and Patterson got right under his first ball, a full toss to leg and skied it to long leg where Kennedy never looked like dropping it. 47-2-10. Whitmarsh went on for Paxton but Land seemed to have his measure. Godby, however, started as slowly as he had done in the first innings. Still he got a couple of fours in succession off Whitmarsh, whose bowling was handicapped by a strained side and started to speed up when he cut Whitmarsh to the left of short third man and Paxton brought off a good catch 69-3-17. Webb came in but played his fourth ball on to the leg stump. The tide seemed turning.

COLLAPSE
But more trouble was coming to the Army, for Moore, who went on for Manners after the latter had broken the stand, pushed one past Land, which got up. The batsman seemed to lose his balance and Clayton pulled the ball down in a dash and stumped him. Three wickets had fallen at 69! But another was made some silly shot which cost them

DANCE AT THE I. R. C. TO-NIGHT

The Indian R. C. embark upon their winter social programme this evening with a dance at the Club-house at Sookunpoo. Every effort has been made by the Sub-Committee to make the event a success. Prizes will be awarded for the most original fancy dresses worn during the evening, and also in spot-dances. As added attractions, two well-known dancers will give exhibitions and a popular local tenor will sing during the evening. Dancing commences at 9 p.m.

to fall, for Coombes was taken at second slip in the same over. Sgt. Baker broke the spell with a single. Then tea was taken.

Three maidens were sent down after tea and then Whitmarsh bowled Baker middle stump with one that seemed to come through a little quicker. 71-7-1. Hatfield cut a four behind point but was taken at second slip 75-8-4. Two balls later Major Swyers cracked one to Lees at mid-off and the Navy had won a glorious victory by 83 runs. A most amazing game. The honours go to Kennedy and to Moore and Whitmarsh on the second day. The former's figures were 10.3-4-16-3 and the latter's 8-3-23-4. The Army were of course unlucky in having Laurence away injured. But I doubt if he could have made the result different.

Royal Navy—1st. Inns 118
Army—1st. Inns 109

ROYAL NAVY—2ND INNS.				
L. S. Smith, c Land b Coombes	24	0	0	0
E. P. Clayton, c Godby b Hatfield	0	0	0	0
S. P. O. Wanstall, b Godby	16	0	0	0
Lt. Manners, b Godby	108	0	0	0
Lt. Manners, b Godby	108	0	0	0
Lt. Firth, l.b.w. b Land	33	0	0	0
Capt. Whitmarsh, b Coombes	3	0	0	0
Capt. Lees, c Logan b Godby	64	0	0	0
Lt. Talbot, c Hatfield b Godby	32	0	0	0
Mrs. Moore, c Land b Godby	3	0	0	0
C. P. O. Tel. Paxton, not out	0	0	0	0
Extras	0	0	0	0
Total	238	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis				
Godby	10.3	4	16	3
Hatfield	8	3	23	4
Coombes	8	3	23	4
Land	9	1	27	1
Swyers	2	0	8	0
Patterson	2	0	8	0
*bowled one no ball.				

ARMY—2ND INNS.				
Manners	16	0	0	0
Driver Logan, l.b.w. b Paxton	24	0	0	0
Lt. Manners, c Logan b Moore	2	0	0	0
Capt. Godby, c Paxton b Whitmarsh	17	0	0	0
Cpl. Webb, b Whitmarsh	9	0	0	0
Sgt. Baker, b Whitmarsh	3	0	0	0
Sgt. Baker, b Whitmarsh	3	0	0	0
Pte. Coombes, c Smith b Moore	1	0	0	0
Pte. Hatfield, c Moore b Whitmarsh	4	0	0	0
P. S. M. Patterson, not out	0	0	0	0
Capt. Lawrence, absent hurt	0	0	0	0
Extras	0	0	0	0
Total	75	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis				
Paxton	6	1	20	1
Moore	10.3	4	16	3
Capt. Whitmarsh	9	3	27	1
Lt. Manners	3	0	8	0
*bowled one no ball.				

KOWLOON TEAMS

An intra-club game will be played at the K. C. C. to-morrow at 2 p.m. Teams are:
A team—D. J. N. Anderson (captain), R. F. Lee, E. V. Clifton, G. W. Giffen, H. F. Shields, L. W. Hume, E. C. and E. F. Fincher, K. M. Dexter, R. T. Broadbridge, A. Wright, A. R. Other.
B team—W. Mulenby, (captain), W. L. McEwen, J. R. Luke, H. Brokenshire, G. G. Davies, G. F. Taylor, G. A. Goodman, E. Walker, R. D. Levy, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, R. A. J. Simpson.



Lieut. J. E. Manners, R.N., the former Hampshire cricketer, who has been making a lot of runs in Hongkong this season, did not do as well as generally expected in the Triangular Cricket Tournament match against the Army. He scored 20 in the first innings and 16 in the second. —Photo by A. A. Kahn.

Prominent Sports Leader Leaving Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 24. — Shanghai's sporting community will suffer a loss which will be difficult to replace when R. Grimshaw leaves this port on December 28 to take up residence in Hongkong, due to a business transfer to that city where he is to assume an important executive position.

"Grimmy" as he has been affectionately known to his intimates has achieved his best recognition as the hardworking President of the Shanghai Football Association over a period of years when football went through a metamorphosis—the transfer from the Race Course matches to the matches which attracted crowds to such venues as the Stadium and the Canidrome due to the entry of Chinese teams. He has had an all-round interest in sport and apart from holding the presidency of the Shanghai Football Association, has been a Vice-President of the Shanghai Football Club, a Vice-President of the Shanghai Hockey Club, President of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association, and the Chairman of the Committee of the Shanghai Cricket Club. Coming out from England some 30 years ago for a Lancashire piece goods firm, Grimshaw entered the field of sport with as much enthusiasm as any of the keen sportsmen of this day. He became proficient at tennis and cricket, and in the former game won several important matches in the Cricket Club championships, while he achieved distinction in cricket as a bowler and went up to Hankow with the Interport team one year. At soccer he played for the Shanghai Football Club.

FUNCTION IN HIS HONOUR
It was in the executive positions however that he proved most valuable and his presidency of the Football Association has earned him the reputation of being the most hardworking president the Association has had. In thirty years' association with soccer, he has served for fourteen years as a president. He was President of the Lawn Tennis Association from 1932-35 and relinquished that post to remain connected with tennis as a vice president.

He leaves Shanghai on December 28 when he will relinquish his posts in the various associations with which he is connected. A number of presentations are being made to him, and there will be a function at noon to-day to be attended by executives of the Football Association, and another on Tuesday by committee members of the Cricket Club. He carries with him the best wishes of Shanghai's sporting community.

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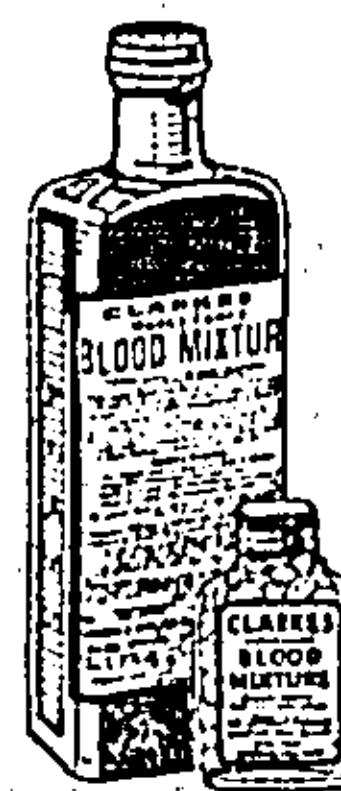
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BRADDOCK TO STAGE COME-BACK

Matched With Len Harvey In London

London, Dec. 30. The boxing promoter, Mr. Armand Vincent, announces that he has arranged a contest between the former world champion, James Braddock, and the British champion, Len Harvey, at Earl's Court, London, on either May 10 or 11.

REFUGEE EXPERTS TO VISIT BERLIN

London, Dec. 29. Mr. George Rublee, the director of the Inter-Governmental Refugee Office in London, will, according to the "Evening News", shortly leave for Berlin, accompanied by experts of the refugee committee. It is believed, says the paper, that the plan for facilitation of Jewish emigration, submitted by Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, will be suitable as a basis for discussion. Trans-Ocean.

Mr. Vincent intends to match the winner with Tommy Farr. If Harvey wins and is matched with the dock, and the British champion, Len Harvey, at Earl's Court, London, on either May 10 or 11.



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Paris Goes for Woollen Nightgowns

Lingerie designers held a show in Paris recently. And for the first time they made woollen nightdresses a feature of high fashion. Sounds old-fashioned—but the new nightgowns are as gay as they are warm. They are made in every variation of wool—wool muslin, wool chiffon, wool lace—and coloured in shades like periwinkle blue, rose pink, cyclamen and hydrangea. Here are two of the newest designs in detail:—



Wool and satin again, in a white lacy wool dressing gown lined with ice blue satin. The sleeves are elbow length, edged with flounces, the skirt long and very full. The neck is drawn up with a thick cord, a drawstring belt hangs in thick tassels from the waist.

Control Your Child's Reading

"JAMES, how often have I told you not to ride your bike over the vegetables? I don't know what your father will say. Come indoors at once!"

"But I don't know what to do indoors, mummy."

"Haven't you any games you can play?"

"No, mummy, none that I can play by myself."

"Well then, why can't you read a book like your sister Barbara does?"

It is natural for a mother to prefer her child to read a book rather than to trample over vegetable patches. So the legend has grown that a child who reads books all day is a "perfect" child and that a child who plays in the garden all day, who never reads for a moment, is a "difficult" child.

Nearly all children go through a stage when they read as many books as they can obtain. The stage should be a short one, and is quite natural in the normally developing child.

However, there are some children who fail to grow out of it quickly, and three or four years of their home life are spent indoors reading books.

The danger is that the mother will complacently allow this to go on. She will say that books keep him out of mischief, and that it cannot hurt him to improve his mind by reading.

Too much reading, however, is bad for the development of a child's body, and of his mind.

Most mothers realise that staying indoors retards growth, and is unhealthy. Few realise that a surfeit of reading will definitely retard the growth of the child's mind.

Reading gives the reader second-hand experiences. What children need most is a first-hand, personal knowledge of the things about them. Particularly, as nearly all the scholastic work is second-hand knowledge.

Too Easily Satisfied

A child's mind that has too much reading will tend to become narrow and easily satisfied. His "good taste" will deteriorate because he will not want to read "classics" the whole time, and, unfortunately, bad books seem to ruin "good taste" more than good books improve it.

As soon as your child starts to go to school, whatever his inclinations, it is a good idea to set aside one hour only. Immediately he has finished his reading hour he should do some hobby work for a further hour.

If your child is studious he should be encouraged to be creative during this hour. Let him write a poem, study music or art.

If he is at a day school and has home work to do, it is as well to dispense completely with the hour for reading and to make the hobby hour compulsory.

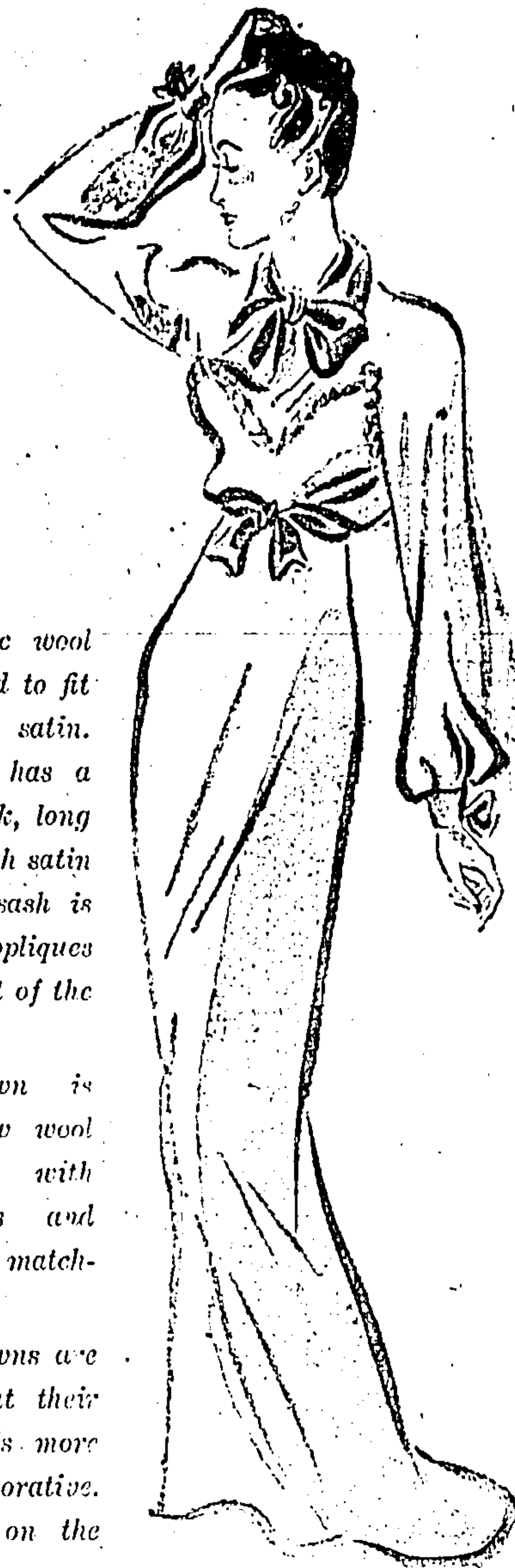
In the holidays when your child has almost unlimited free time there is no object in restricting his hobby time to an hour.

The time allowed for reading can

Nightgown in lilac wool muslin. It is tailored to fit and trimmed with satin. The roll-over collar has a satin bow at the neck, long sleeves are caught with satin at the wrist. The sash is satin, and satin appliques curve across the front of the bodice.

Another nightgown is made in pale yellow wool voile, high-waisted, with tiny draped sleeves and belted and piped with matching satin.

Wool dressing gowns are not a new idea, but their make-up nowadays is more feminine and decorative. Look at this one on the left.



Don't Scorn Second-Best

DO you know the all-or-nothing woman? I mean the type who wants everything of the best, and if she cannot get that, she prefers to have nothing rather than put up with second-best.

It is a sign of a wide and resourceful mind to be able to adapt yourself to things which do not happen to be at the top of your list of demands, and to be able to find their enjoyable side. For who will deny that there is deep pleasure to be had out of the unspectacular things of life?

The all-or-nothing person generally courts only the spectacular or the striking. Each possession must be more striking than the last, and sensation must succeed sensation. The result is frequently boredom, and sometimes financial difficulty.

You know the woman who is shocked at the idea of buying a cheap hat or stockings. If it happens that she cannot afford to give her customary price for them, she will endure misery in her "good" but old things rather than come down a peg and wear something cheaper. A love of good things is not an affection but, at the same time, with some women it becomes a sort of fanaticism, blind to all reason and common sense.

With a philosophic mind and, metaphorically speaking, a dashing snap of the fingers, one can be perfectly happy with second-best.

Some people go as far as to go in only for "best" friends, that is, they are only interested in people who have achieved things, or in people who are important or impressive in other ways. Now, there is a good deal to be said for having interesting and striking personalities as friends, but we should not overlook the fact that, very often, we can derive as much, if not more, interest from folks who are quite insignificant. Some people remain unsung, yet they may have rich, intelligent minds in spite of that, and more lovable natures, too, and what a joy it is to make contact with these things!

Then what about the woman who ruins her chances of marriage by wanting to accept only the best? She is intolerant of every short-coming in the men she meets. Yet she is quite sure that she is entitled to stand in judgment, and, in any case, is she wise to do so?

Try to make the best of second-best, if this happens to be your lot. Don't deny yourself holidays or clothes in order to have a very expensive car or radiogram.

Learn adaptability and have the courage of your convictions. Everything you do and buy may produce some effect or have some result, whereas doing nothing means stagnation and complete closing up of all opportunities.

Anne Morné

Household Hints

SOAK a duster in vinegar and leave to dry. Used for the furniture, it will both dust and polish the wood at the one operation.

Dry mustard, rubbed on the hands, takes away the odour of onions.

Before icing a cake sprinkle some flour on the surface which has to be iced, and this will prevent the icing from running.

If a vanilla bean is left in the sugar jar it will give the sugar a delicate flavour. This is particularly useful for sugar which is to be used in cake making.

When making mince-meat, try adding the juice of an orange and one or two spoonfuls of marmalade. The flavour is much improved if this is done.

If the lid of a saucepan is greased, the contents will not boil over.

As a substitute for cream, beat up the white of an egg to a froth, add a small lump of butter, and mix thoroughly. Then stir gradually so as to obviate curdling.

Roast pork is delicious if it is served with slices of orange instead of apple sauce. The oranges should be cut into thin slices, soaked for half an hour in lemon juice, a little sugar, salt and pepper, and then pinned round the joint.

Flowers are scarce at this time of the year, and, by way of making them last longer, add a little salt or soda to the water renewing this each day as the water is changed.

A. W.

POINTS ABOUT POTATOES

TO make old potatoes white and mealy, add a teaspoonful of vinegar to the cooking water a few minutes before they are drained.

Old potatoes, being soft on the outside, are inclined to boil down unless carefully watched. To prevent this, add a cup of cold water to each pint immediately the potatoes become soft externally. The cold water sends the heat to the centre of the vegetable so that they cook evenly and without waste.

When mashed potatoes are required, 1 lb of boiled potatoes will give just over two cups of mashed ones; if diced potatoes are wanted, then 1 lb boiled is equivalent to two and a half cups of diced.

Potatoes being 80 per cent. water and only 1 per cent. fat are, contrary to popular opinion, excellent for slimming purposes. They are rich in mineral salts and vitamins which supply the body with heat and energy.

Potatoes can be steamed without a steamer if they are prepared and laid in the centre of a large pudding cloth and a saucepan lid placed upon them.

Tie the corners of the cloth over the top of the lid and place this, with the potatoes securely held beneath, on a simmering pot for about an hour. This ensures a great saving of heat and labour.

If new potatoes are immersed in a bowl of salted water they can be scraped more easily and the fingers will not be stained.

M. L. B.

How To Choose A Coiffure

HAVE you a full face or a slender one? In order to choose a style of hairdressing successfully, first consider your contours so that their lines may be followed and your best points emphasized.

If nature has endowed you with a thin face, avoid an all-curved coiffure as it tends to give an unduly elongated look. Rather select a style deeply waved across the forehead from a low parting. Width is achieved by curls or rolls slightly fluffing out over the ears.

The full face may be slenderised by a rather high side parting. If the hair is short it should be brushed back to reveal the temple and if long, should be brought forward in casual waves.

For High Cheekbones

To set off a face with high cheekbones and pointed chin, have the hair dressed back from the eyes, the ears being partly or wholly revealed. Tight curls piled from nape to crown lend balance to the profile.

For those fortunate possessors of classical features, the centre parting is perfect. They will look serene and beautiful in a great range of styles, from the simple to the picturesque.

When lines run downwards in the not-so-young face, an upward style of dressing which lifts the hair from the sides, is rejuvenating; while to disguise a lined forehead, nothing could be prettier or more fashionable than the new, softly curling version of the fringe.

To detract from over-plumpness round the jaw and chin line, wear the hair well back from the ears and brush it smoothly into long rolls.

White and Grey Hair

White or greying hair can be really beautiful if well tended and immaculately groomed. Avoid the slightest suspicion of straggly ends or exaggerated style, but do not be afraid to alter your present style. Others may suit you even better, coiffure is ineluctable.

On a festive occasion, the frock to be worn must be considered when choosing a coiffure. For instance, the Edwardian high-piled curls, coquettishly holding a rose, would be appropriate for a wide skirted Period or crinoline gown; and the casually cut tailored frock would demand its equivalent in a sleek, almost sculptured head.

M. L.

Economy Wrinkles

WINTER is an expensive season for the housewife, and it is worth noting all the money-saving methods which can be used in the kitchen.

To prevent bread from becoming mildewed, sprinkle the bread box with a layer of salt, and then cover this with white paper before putting the loaf in.

When stewing prunes, add a piece, either of lemon or orange peel, or, as an alternative, about a dozen salted almonds. As any of these additions absorb the acid from the fruit, less sugar will be needed, and, incidentally, the flavour is much improved.

Another method of saving sugar when cooking fruit of any type is to add a teaspoonful of pure glycerine. Only half the usual amount of sugar will be required if this is done.

When frying, add a teaspoonful of vinegar to the pan, and this prevents the food from absorbing too much fat.

Rub a buttered paper over the wooden spoon before putting it into a cake or batter mixture. This prevents clinging and waste.

You will go further if it is heated in the oven for a few minutes before use. Another method of obtaining strong tea with the minimum of leaf is to add a very little sugar to the teapot. This helps to "draw" the tea.

When a crack appears in the rubber roller of the wringer, a temporary repair can be effected at home if the cracked part is bound tightly with adhesive tape. This will prevent the crack from spreading.

A. W.

BANANA SWEETS

IF you find yourself racking your brains to know what "sweet" to serve for a change, you will find the following suggestions useful:—

To make banana trifle, you will need four sponge cakes, six bananas, one pint packet of jelly (any flavour), one pint of boiling water, a little whipped cream, and a few pistachio nuts.

Dissolve the jelly square in the boiling water and leave to cool slightly. Slice or crumble the sponge cakes into a glass dish. Peel the bananas, mash them up with a fork, spread evenly over the cakes. Add the prepared jelly, and leave in a cool place until set.

Decorate with sweetened whipped cream and chopped pistachio nuts. Banana Batter and Tails

Served with sugar and lemon juice, banana batter is crisp and delicious.

To serve three or four people, allow four ounces of flour, a pinch of salt, one egg, half a pint of milk, three bananas.

Sift the flour and salt into a basin and make a well in the centre. Pour in the beaten egg and a little milk, and mix in the flour gradually. When it is mixed to a smooth batter, beat thoroughly for a few minutes, then

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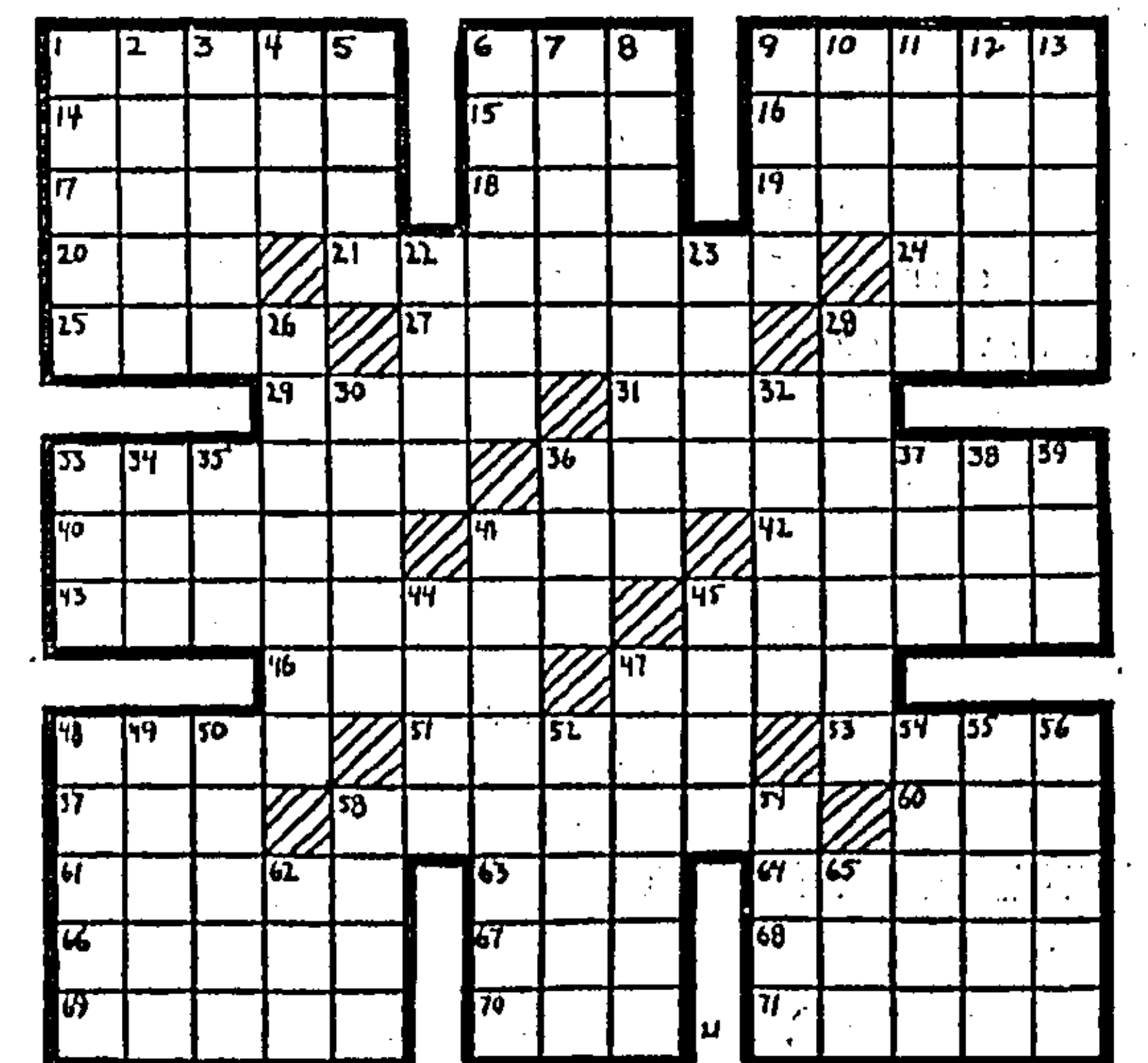
By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Kind of beer
- 2-Old times (poetic)
- 3-Holy man
- 4-In onset
- 5-Gitons brew
- 6-Zee
- 7-Sinks to mud
- 8-Provide hole with three
- 9-Division of day
- 10-Piece out
- 11-Tremblings
- 12-Expertly
- 13-Table used for writing
- 14-Deeds
- 15-Trip away
- 16-Deeds
- 17-Turned aside, as blow
- 18-Layer
- 19-Make amends for
- 20-Deeds
- 21-Entwine together
- 22-Bring into rule
- 23-Inflammation erupts on skin
- 24-Burns oil
- 25-South American tree
- 26-Water barriers
- 27-Small ditch
- 28-Copy place of abode
- 29-Source of metal
- 30-Mexican saddle-bow
- 31-Bianca
- 32-Horn with name of
- 33-Under mental strain
- 34-Deeds
- 35-Communication-table
- 36-Deeds

DOWN

- 1-Crooked
- 2-Deeds
- 3-Place with horns
- 4-Point of compass
- 5-Remain
- 6-Deceivers
- 7-South American mammal
- 8-Deeds
- 9-Act saucy to (col.)
- 10-Deeds
- 11-Present time
- 12-Corner time
- 13-Tear up
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- 15-Deeds
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stir in the rest of the milk and leave for at least an hour.

Peel the bananas and cut them in halves. Melt a "walnut" of butter or margarine in a baking tin, pour in the batter, and lay the bananas in it. Bake in a fairly hot oven for half an hour. Serve hot with sugar and lemon juice.

Banana rolls can be served hot or cold, but, either way, they are tempting.

You will require about half a pound of short or flaky pastry, three or four bananas, and a little raspberry jam.

Roll the pastry out fairly thin; cut into pieces about three by four inches, and spread them with jam. Place half banana on the pieces of cream, pastry, damp the edges, and fold

Individual Jellies

Banana jelly looks most attractive served in individual glasses, and it is so simple to make.

Allow four bananas, one pint of boiling water, one pint packet of red jelly. Dissolve the jelly square in the hot water and leave until it begins to show signs of setting.

Slice the bananas thinly; add them to the jelly; mix well; thoroughly. Fill up small glasses with the mixture and leave in a cool place until set. Decorate with a teaspoonful of sweetened whipped cream.

Edith Rhodes

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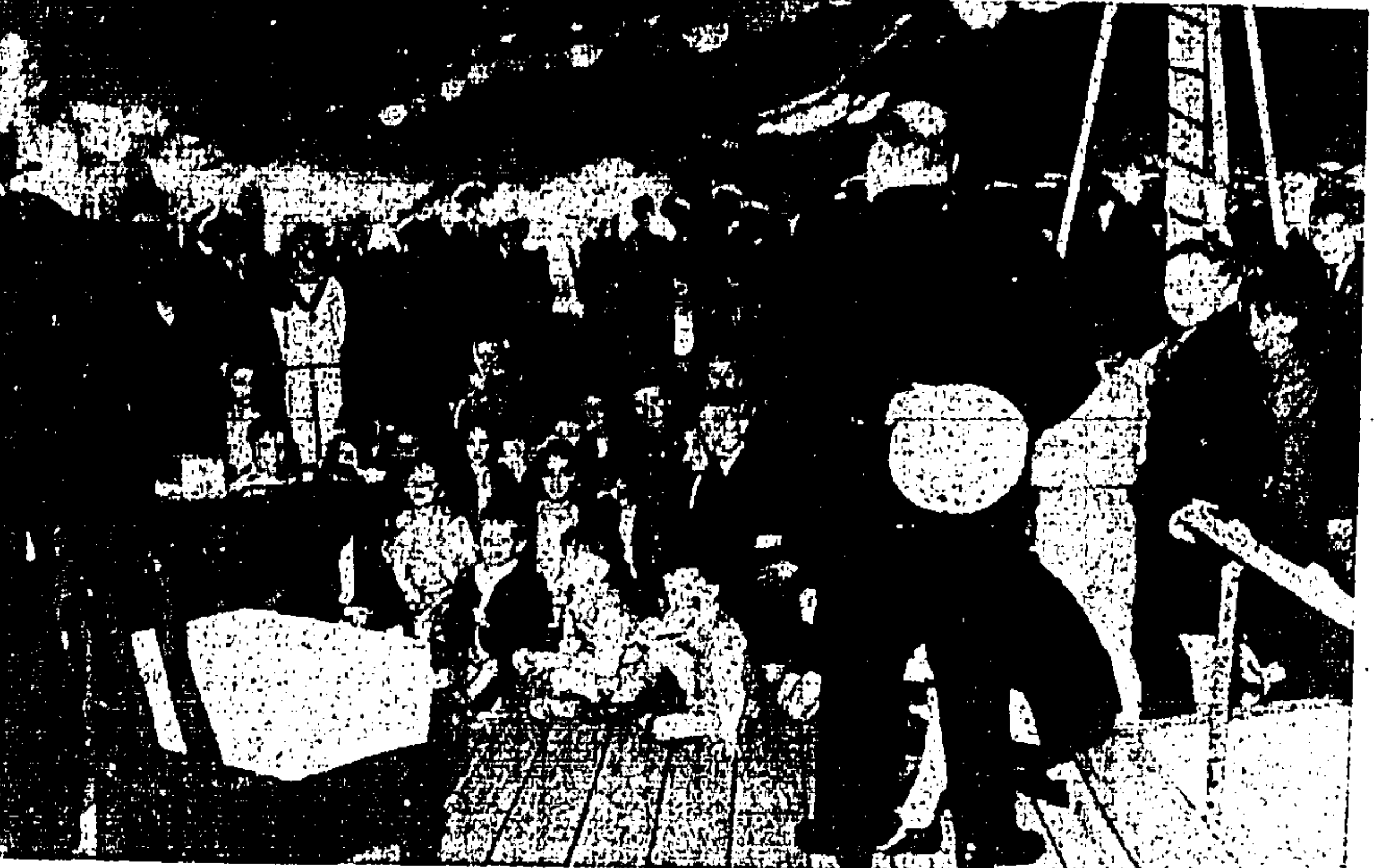
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PHOTONEWS CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Photograph taken during a Christmas Party for children aboard H.M.S. Birmingham. — Staff Photographer.



Mr. E. P. Mitchell entertains friends at his home during the Christmas holidays. — King's Studio.



Group photograph taken at the recent Fancy Dress party held at the Kowloon Tong Club. — King's Studio.



Members of St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship at their recent Christmas Party. — Ming Yuen.

BANK NOTICES

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.
25 Abchurch Lane, E.C. 4.
Paid-up Capital £1,000,000
Reserve Fund £1,000,000
Liability of Proprietors £1,000,000
Reserve Fund £1,000,000
MANCHESTER BRANCH:
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AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:
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ing business transacted.
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Deposits received for one year or shorter
periods at rates which will be quoted on
application.
The Bank's Head Office in London
undertakes Executor & Trustee business,
and claims recovery of British income
taxes, on terms which may be
ascertained at any of its Agencies &
Branches.
R. A. CANIDGE, Manager.
Hong Kong, 29th June, 1938.

The P. & O. Banking Corporation, Ltd.

(Incorporated in England, 1920).

Authorized Capital £5,000,000
Subscribed and Paid-up £2,500,000
Reserve Fund £2,500,000
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON, E.C. 4.
117-122, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C. 4.
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the world.
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ness transacted. Loans and overdrafts
granted on approved security. Current
and Fixed Deposit accounts opened.
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may be obtained on application.
TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES OF CREDIT
TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES OF CREDIT (for use
on board P. & O. and S. I. Steamers and
at Ports of Call) are issued at current
rate of exchange and free of commission.
AMERICAN TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES sold and cashed.
British Income Tax Recovered.
Executorships and Trusteeships under-
taken.
W. J. WADDINGTON, Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th Nov. 1938.

BOATSWAIN WANTED

Start Of Junk's World Cruise Delayed

Chance is playing tricks with Mr. J. Peterson's Ningpo junk, the Pang-
lin. First, wedding bells robbed Mr. Peterson of one of his fellow-
voyagers; next, on the eve of the
intended sailing day, chance supplied
a substitute adventurer; and yester-
day, when the junk was to have set
sail for Singapore, she was lying off
Gloucester Road while Mr. Peterson
endeavoured to replace the Chinese
boatswain, who drew out at the last
minute.

It was feared at first that the start
would have to be delayed because of
the sudden illness of Mr. H. T. Mer-
rill, one of the European company.
On Wednesday illness forced him to
leave the boat, but he had shaken off
his indisposition yesterday and a
start would have been made if a
boatswain had not been lacking.

The crew's new recruit, bringing
the European personnel to four again,
is Mr. P. Mogensen, a single man
aged 30 years. He is a valuable ad-
dition, having Danish seafaring blood
in his veins and having served in
Danish and French sailing ships for
four years.

Mr. Mogensen had been a member
of the Chinese Customs Service in
Hongkong. He concluded his con-
tract on November 29, and was con-
sidering returning to Denmark when
the Captain Arntzen, commander of the
Customs ship Chundao, suggested
that he should join Mr. Peterson in
his junk venture. Captain Arntzen
look him to Talkoo, where the junk
was being built, and introduced him
to Mr. Peterson.

"Once I had inspected the ship,"
he said, "I had no hesitation in de-
ciding to go. She is a fine little
craft."

Mr. Mogensen will still be a long
way from Denmark when the Pang-
lin arrives at her ultimate destina-
tion in New York, but he declares
that if he can find work in America
he will be content to let his journey
end there.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorized Capital £50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up £50,000,000
Reserve Funds—
Sterling £5,000,000
Hongkong Currency Reserve £10,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £20,000,000
HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.
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The business of the above Bank is
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hai Banking Corporation. Rules may be
obtained on application.
FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.
V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 8 October, 1938.

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Authorized Capital £10,000,000
Paid-up Capital £5,000,000
Reserve and Undivided Profits £2,776,726.70
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Every description of Banking and Ex-
change business transacted. Loans grant-
ed on approved securities. Current Ac-
counts opened in Local Currency and
Fixed Deposits received for one year or
shorter periods in Local and Foreign
Currencies on terms which will
be quoted on application.
Sale Deposit Boxes To Let.
KAN TONG PO, Manager.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Steamship
"JEAN LABORDE"
3'A/39
Bringing Cargo from Marseilles
via Saigon, etc., arrived Hongkong
on Friday, 23rd December, 1938.
Consignees are hereby informed
that their goods with the exception of
Opium, Treasure and Valuables are
being landed and stored into the Go-
downs of the Hongkong Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kow-
loon, whence delivery may be obtain-
ed immediately after landing.
All claims must be sent in to me
on or before 3rd January, 1939, or
they will not be recognized.
Damaged Packages will be examined
by the Company's Surveyor
Messrs.—Goddard and Douglas in the
presence of the Consignees, at 10.00
a.m. on Thursday, 29th December,
1938.
Consignees must have a Revenue
Officer in attendance when any duli-
able goods are examined by the
Company's Surveyors.
No Fire Insurance will be effected
by us in any case whatever.
R. OHL,
Agent.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

K.C.R. TIME TABLE

It is notified that the new Kow-
loon-Canton Railway local time-table,
between Kowloon and Shum Chun,
will come into operation on January
1.

CANTON AGENTS

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Hongkong Telegraph
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Shameen, Canton.
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Her Future Was Shadowed By A Notorious Past!



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SUNDAY GRAND NEW YEAR ATTRACTION
RONALD COLMAN in "IF I WERE KING" with FRANCES DEE - BASIL RATHBONE A Paramount Picture

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Gene Raymond - Olympe Bradna

"STOLEN HEAVEN"

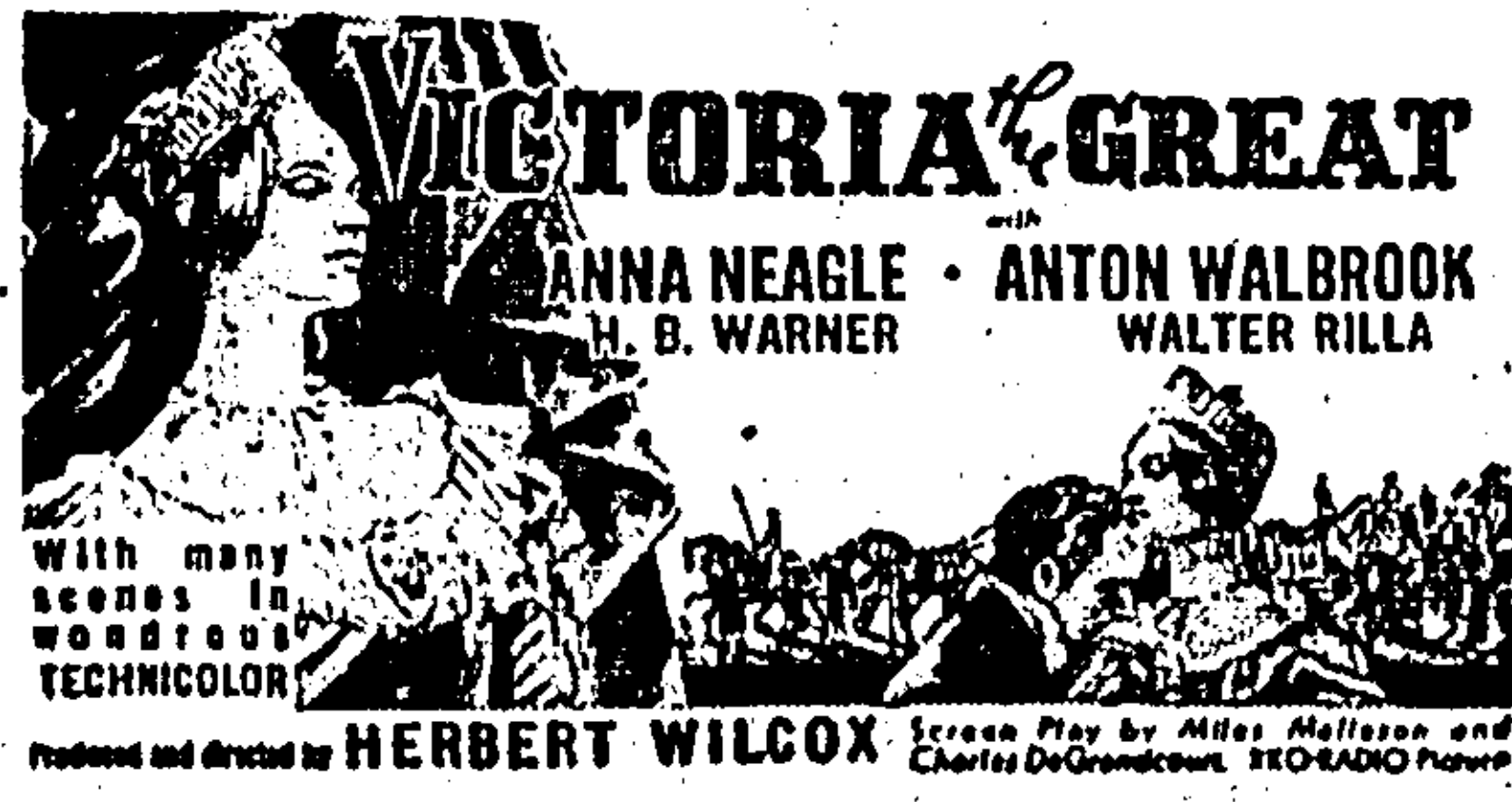
- Glenda Farrell - Lewis Stone - Porter Hall - Douglas Dumbrille - A Paramount Picture

TO - MORROW

James Melton - Patricia Ellis
"SING ME A LOVE SONG"
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ANNA NEAGLE - ANTON WALBROOK
H. B. WARNER - WALTER RILLA

With many scenes in
TECHNICOLOR
Produced and directed by HERBERT WILCOX Screen Play by Miles Malterson and Charles DeGruyter. TEO-RADIO Picture

A PRICELESS GEM FROM A NANKING NEWSPAPER

Britain Hands Hongkong To The Japanese

The "Voice of New China", an English-language magazine published in Nanking, publishes two interesting articles in its last issue.

One article denounces foreign language newspapers which print fabricated reports, "meant to deceive the suffering Chinese people."

The second article is a gem of fabrication. Read it: "The inevitable has happened. Japanese forces have occupied Kowloon, Chinese territory, within a stone's throw from Hongkong."

"The complete and economic isolation of the British colony for the past two months has been effectually accomplished."

"Ocean-going steamers with no cargoes in their holds are no longer

calling at Hongkong which, being a free port, has always been depending on shipping for its prosperity."

"The short line of railway connecting Hongkong with Canton can no longer function as the Chinese end of this railway is in Japanese hands. Japan is not too eager to repair this line for the sole benefit of Hongkong merchants and others dependent on Canton for livelihood."

"In view of the present strained relations between Japan and Britain, anything can happen between these two countries. It is the consensus of opinion that the occupation of Canton by Japan means the end of British trade and cultural influence in South China."

"Hongkong cannot be defended from bombing planes, which could easily destroy the water reservoirs."

"It is an open secret that Hongkong possesses huge underground tanks. Also a labyrinth of underground passages, and exits have been built connecting the island with the mainland. All these precautions are of no avail."

"In a war between Japan and Britain, it is predicted that Hongkong would be the first far-flung British outpost to fall."

"Hence, Britain has taken the only course that is honourable and dignified, that is, by giving up Hongkong peacefully instead of losing it in a war with Japan."

"Britain's 'face' has thus been saved. In this we wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to wise British statesmanship for being far-sighted in withdrawing from Hongkong without loss of prestige and without being compelled to hand it over to Japan as a war booty."

Who fabricates!

Lord Victor Paget's Debts

Creditors of Lord Victor Paget, brother of the Marquis of Anglesey, resident in London recently were told that he had been entirely dependent on the income received from a trust fund created under the will of his mother. It was a discretionary trust and the Official Receiver, or trustee, would be unable to attach it for the benefit of the creditors.

Lord Victor's income was said to be about £13 a week, but he obtained a loan from the trustee for medical and other fees and was now repaying that at the rate of £6 a week.

A statement of affairs showed unsecured indebtedness of £1,021, which included liabilities of £1,091 in a bankruptcy in 1934.

"On the other side he says he has not got anything in the way of assets," said Mr. C. Bruce Park, the Official Receiver.

Mr. F. S. Salaman, chartered accountant, was appointed trustee.

EWO BOWLING LEAGUE

The Ewo indoor bowling league, A division, was brought to a conclusion last night at the Hongkong Bowling Alley when the Scoreless Wanderers beat the Black Dog in the final by 251. Results:

Scoreless Wanderers, 1875	131	485
Doe Mottlau	131	485
Dick Venetia	131	485
Gene Fogliano	131	485
Ernie Heather	131	485
Black Dog, 1825	131	485
R. H. Duddridge	131	485
Spr. J. Fawcett	131	485
Spr. A. Devonshire	131	485
S. A. Jamall	131	485

Just An Ordinary Crash But Then This Happened

After skidding in Edgware-road, Hendon, N.W., recently a motor-car struck an island in the road.

An iron pillar and a lamp standard were smashed, and on the broken-off stump the car became suspended with its wheels off the ground.

Petrol pouring from the burst tank caught fire and set light to gas escaping from the lamp standard.

The driver, stunned by the shock, was pulled from the car just before it burst into flames.

Men in a London Passenger Transport Board garage ran out with extinguishers, but failed to check the flames.

Wembley and Hendon fire brigades were called to put out the fire.

The driver, Mr. J. Wells, of Palace Court, Kensington, W., was taken to hospital suffering from bruises, cuts, and shock.

STARTING TIMES AT FANLING

Golf During New Year Holidays

The following are the starting times at Fanling during the New Year holidays:

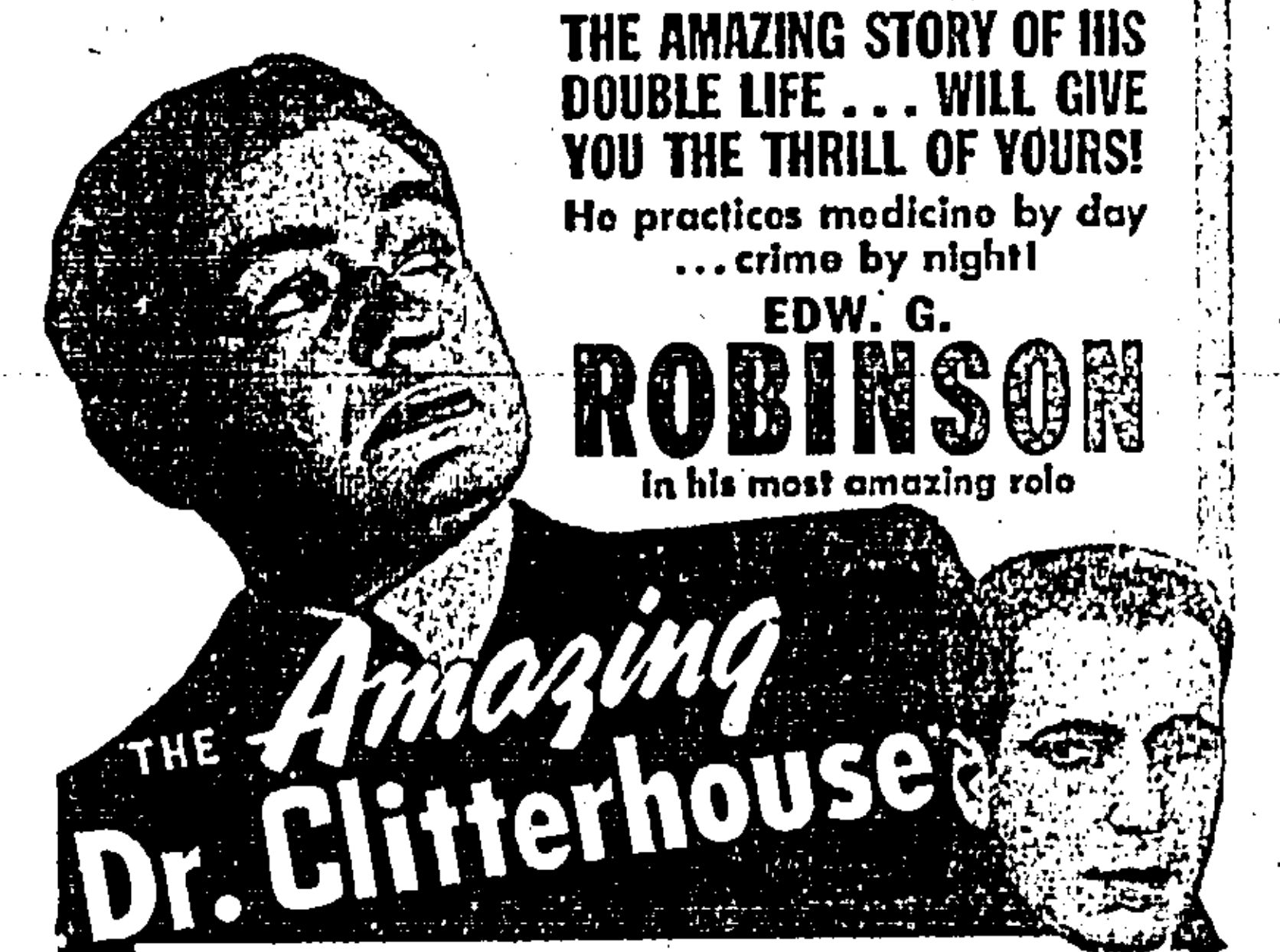
SUNDAY	Old Course
9.10	H. H. Mundy, C. Mycock
9.20	A. F. Lissman, W. J. S. Key
9.30	L. Lindars, L. A. H. Duncan
9.40	S. H. Dodwell, I. H. Gane
9.50	A. D. Humphrey, D. H. Blake
10.00	P. S. Delany, E. T. McArthur
10.10	R. H. Gregory, W. Wooding
10.20	D. A. Weatherbe, K. B. Morrison
10.30	G. C. Worrall, Cornar, Hole
10.40	G. M. G. J. W. Mayhew
10.50	C. McGee, C. F. Marshall
New Course	
9.20	H. and Mrs. Overy
9.30	G. S. Archibut, F. A. Redmond
9.40	Lt. Col. and Mrs. Matthews
MONDAY	Old Course
9.10	A. W. Hodder, S. C. Feltham
9.20	Pay, Cdr. Colson, Col. Holt
9.30	F. Laidlaw, J. W. Mayhew
9.40	E. F. Bellamy, J. Forbes
9.50	L. Groves, J. Stenerson
10.00	G. McGee, C. F. Marshall
10.10	J. Hackney, F. H. Scones
10.20	V. T. Nixall, H. J. D. Lowe
10.30	A. H. Penn, V. R. Gordon
10.40	Lt. Cdr. Murray, J. B. Mackle
10.50	J. P. Richardson, R. M. Wood
11.00	C. H. Dutton, R. Young
11.10	S. S. S. Casady, D. A. Weatherbe
11.20	R. L. S. Webb, A. Bremner
11.30	A. V. Graves, W. M. Barton
11.40	P. S. Delany, C. M. Gee
New Course	
9.20	W. Sharp, T. J. O'Brien
9.30	A. D. Humphreys, W. G. Adams
9.40	H. and Mrs. Overy
9.50	Mrs. Webb, Miss Thompson

BOWLS MATCH ARRANGED

A lawn bowls match between Scottish members and "The Rest" will take place at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Monday next, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

ORIENTAL

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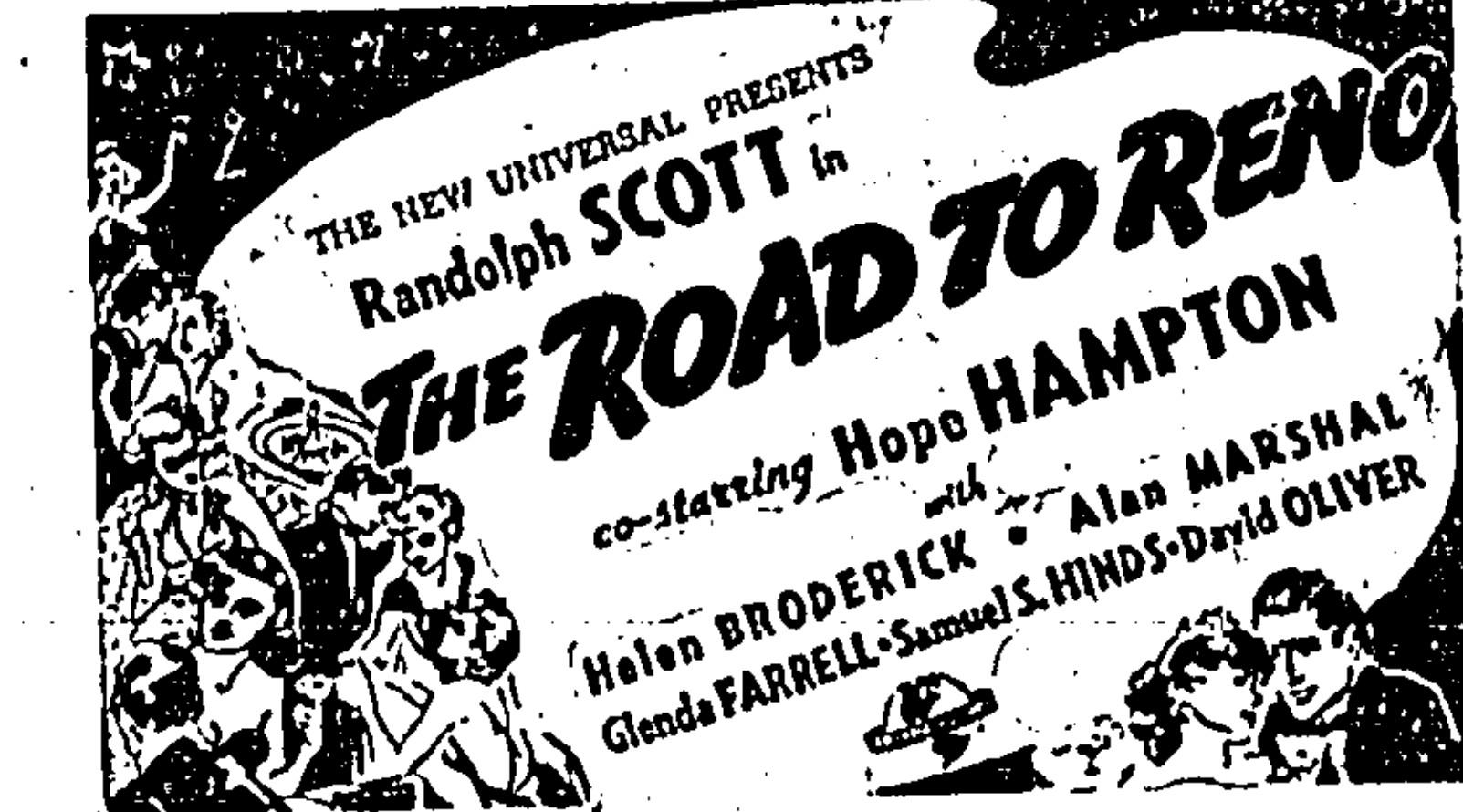
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Directed by VICTOR FLEMING
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NEXT CHANGE

A GRAND DOUBLE ATTRACTION!
ON THE STAGE:

QUEENIE AND HER

HAWAIIAN TROUBADOURS
MUSICIANS, SINGERS, HULA-DANCERS

ON THE SCREEN:
"SHE MARRIED AN ARTIST"
with JOHN BOLES, LULI DESTE
A Columbia Picture

London Firm Fined For Selling Tokyo Goods

LONDON, Dec. 29.
THE WELL-KNOWN Kensington stores of John Barkers, were fined £10 and twenty guineas costs in the West London police court to-day on a charge arising from the sale of a raincoat made in Japan, which did not bear the necessary marking.

The defence asserted that everything possible was done to comply with the Merchandise Marks Act. For ten years Barkers had purchased British raincoats, but owing to a shortage in October they accepted a supply of Japanese coats which were equally good. They were supplied without labels, and Barkers would be entitled to sell them in that state, but having applied their own label, they should have indicated their foreign origin. The magistrate declared that it was vitally important that legislation should be respected, not only for the protection of the public, but it was of great importance to traders when faced with the kind of competition they were up against from Japan, and other countries.—Reuter.

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